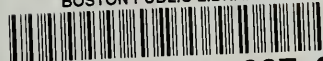
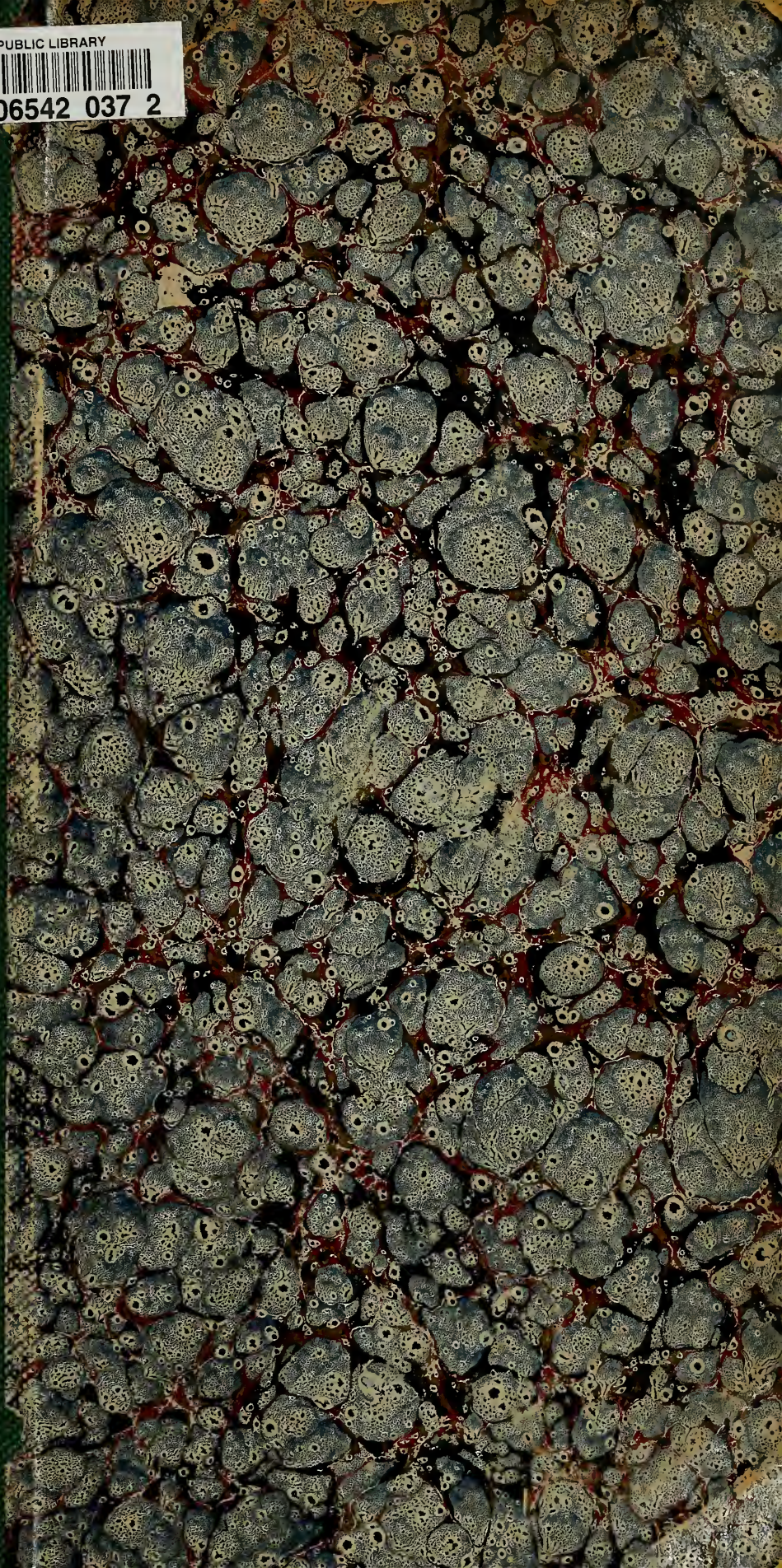


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THE
AUDITORS'
FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF ROXBURY:
BEING
A GENERAL STATEMENT
OF THE
FINANCES OF THE TOWN FOR 1845-6.

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ROXBURY:
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Prof. Leonard, Aug. 26, 1862.

TOWN REPORT.

Repairs of Highways.

The amount of money appropriated	5500 00
and divided as follows :	
To the Westerly Section	900 00
To the Middle Section	900 00
To the Easterly Section	3700 00 5500 00

Joseph W. Tucker, as Surveyor of Highways, in account
1845. with the Town of Roxbury. DR.

March 24	To cash paid Joshua Seaver, for clearing snow from Highways, 1845	22 04
April	Eben'r Crafts, for gravel expended in J. Seaver's District, 1844	42 50
"	for stone chips	53 25
May	for labor	40 00
"	for gravel	16 00
"	for stone chips	8 17
"	" "	11 17
"	Michael Freeman, stone chips	21 33
June	for stone chips	12 17
"	Sweeney & Welch, for labor	49 37
"	Alfred Randall, for gravel	27 60
"	for stone chips	11 84
"	Abel Leighton, for gravel	10 83
"	for paving stones	97 00
July	for stone chips	9 67
"	Shubael Bills, for posts and driving on Water street	108 00
"	Sweeney & Welch, blasting rocks, &c.	40 62
"	Lewis Grandy, repairing Curtis street	210 00
"	Griffin, for posts and driving on Water st.	100 00
August	D. Mahan, teams and labor	39 00
"	A. Richardson, stone chips	11 17
"	D. Mahan, carting, &c.	37 50
"	for stone chips, and carting the same	175 00
September	A. Richardson, stone chips	10 67

Amount carried over, 1164 90

	Amount brought over,	1164 90
September	Alfred Randall, for gravel	9 40
	L. Baldwin, for gravel	116 95
	Richardson & Jackson, for Powder, &c.	38 36
	D. Mahan, carting, &c.	7 50
	Obed Rand, for stone chips	50 79
	Esdras Lord, for stone chips	8 62
	for labor	20 00
	William Cheever, for repairs	3 50
	for paving	57 00
	Overseers of the Poor, for labor, &c. done	
	by men and teams at Alms House	2020 45
	for stone chips	8 50
	D. A. Simmons, for gravel	74 67
	sundry bills 24 40 labor &c. 6 80	31 20
	John Feany, labor	12 00
	stone chips	7 33
	gravel, &c.	12 50
	for stone chips	5 67
	John Wallace, labor	5 00
	John Parkinson, labor &c.	18 42
	Wm. H. Palmer, gravel	65 83
	sundry bills	22 00
	Overseers of the Poor, for labor, &c. done	
	by men and teams at the Alms House	160 08
	Joseph W. Tucker, services as surveyor	130 00
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		4050 67

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By cash received of	R. A. Lamb,	50 00
"	" Gilman Davis	10 00
"	" P. G. Robbins	12 60
"	" E. Sumner	8 00
"	" E. Lewis	8 67
"	" John Webber	25 50
"	" Town grant as per vote of }	
	selectmen	3700 00
Expended over appropriation,		235 90 4050 67
Feb. 1, 1846. Errors excepted and settled as above,		

JOSEPH W. TUCKER.

The amount has been expended on the following streets, viz :—

Heath street, . . .	104 20	Am't brought up	2514 87
Plymouth street, . . .	213 50	Seaver street, . . .	50 00
Mall street, . . .	57 54	Williams street . . .	461 51
Dudley street, . . .	72 87	East street, . . .	311 28
Boylston street, . . .	7 92	Chestnut street, . . .	138 35
Eustis street, . . .	203 67	Warren street, . . .	64 16
Water street, . . .	852 79	Lowell street, . . .	160 00
Walnut street, . . .	30 42	Curtis street, . . .	160 00
Elm street, . . .	206 45	Expended in 1844, .	42 50
Tremont street, . . .	669 78	Clearing snow from	
Davis street, . . .	95 73	streets, in 1845,	33 23
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Am't carried up	2514 87		3935 90
cash received from sundry persons			114 77
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		4050 67	

Twelve hundred large loads of gravel and stone chips have been carted upon Water street this year, in addition to the last repairs, for which the town voted a special appropriation. The piles and driving cost \$208 00.

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John Fowle,

DR.

*In account with the Town of Roxbury, as Surveyor of Highways,
from March 1845.*

To Cash paid the following persons as per their Receipts :

Patrick Kenney, for labor	36 25
Michael Shortill, " "	38 00
Michael Brock, " "	1 25
George Brown, for 91 Perch Stone, &c.	120 13
Daniel McIntire, for labor	2 50
Patrick McNamara, " "	63 43
Michael Shortill, for men and team	16 68
J. Davenport, for safety fuse	6 00
Joseph Williams, for men and team	18 25
Amos Holbrook, for labor	10 00
John Garity, for labor	54 26
Richardson & Jackson, for Powder	33 00
Patrick Naughton, " labor	61 87
Joel Seaverns, " breaking roads	13 33
Isaac Williams, " " "	5 50
John Sowdon, " teaming	10 00
E. Finnerty, for labor	63

Amount carried over,	<hr/> 491 08
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	Amount brought over,	491 08
E. M. Fowler, for breaking roads		8 50
J. W. Page, for	"	3 00
E. Fuller, for	"	2 00
Michael Shortill, for	"	5 90
Daniel Brims, for	"	3 00
Benjamin May, for	"	5 00
George Brown, for gravel, and carting		58 72
Theodore Dunn, for labor		3 00
William Thomas, for carting		34 37
P. B. Smith, for stone hammer		1 94
Samuel Champion, for carting		17 25
Alexander Dickson, Smith's work		22 66
George Brooman, for labor		1 88
John Hayes, for labor		2 50
H. B. Stiles, for carting		27 62
Michael Brock, for labor		18 75
John Garity, for labor		17 17
Enoch Nute, for labor		3 00
Nathaniel Curtis, for gravel, and carting		6 62
John H. Davis, for labor		18 00
Michael Kenney,	"	65 01
Joseph Williams, for gravel, men and team		176 38
Paul Gore, for men and teams		33 25
John Lowder, for gravel, and teaming		34 82
John E. Williams,	" "	22 58
R. M. Morse, for bank wall		40 00
H. B. Stiles, for teaming		15 50
Winslow Chapin, for labor		2 00
Isaac Curtis, for gravel		36 62
Ebenezer Weld, breaking road, &c.		10 39
Benjamin Goldsmith, for men and team		12 50
John Fowle, for labor, &c.		51 73
John Fowle, for services as Surveyor		30 00

\$ 1282 74

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By appropriation	900 00	
Expended over appropriation	382 74	\$ 1282 74

Errors excepted.

Feb. 6, 1846.

JOHN FOWLE.

RECAPITULATION.

Removing ledge in Centre Street	381 25
Carting Stones from do., and making road	207 96
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Amount carried over,	589 21

	Amount brought over,	589 21
Repairs on Green Street, last year		131 27
Repairs on do this year		158 13
Bank wall near Bacon's		40 00
Breaking roads from Snow		73 15
Repairing roads in sundry places		290 98
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		\$ 1282 74

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Town of Roxbury to Judson Chapin,

DR.

1845.

February 5.	Cash paid William Mackintosh,	7 50
	" H. S. Whittemore	25
	" G. W. Mann,	4 50
	" Joseph Arnold, Jr.	5 90
	" Aaron Cass, for breaking roads and scraping roads	6 95
	" Michael Whittemore, Jr., for sun- dry bills paid out by him	17 24
	" John Jones 1 50; J. H. Billings, 6 00	7 50
	" Paid Ruggles, Nourse & Mason,	2 63
	" James Miller, for one day's labor	1 00
	" Enoch Hutchins, for removing snow	2 37
	" William S. Keith, one day's labor 1 00, and refreshments, 1 00	2 00
	" Wm. Mayo, Jr., part of a day	62
	" A. Guild, one day 1 00; Moses Cass, short day, 87 cts.,	1 87
	" Michael Deravan, 1½ day 1 50; and M. Carr, half day, 50 cts.	2 00
	" H. Hildreth, one day 1 00; and M. Dailey, one day 1 00	2 00
	" Samuel Whittemore, half day 50 cts.; and Edwin Fuller, half day 50 cts.	1 00
13	" Thomas Parks, and Son, one day 2 00; and Nathan Hutchins, 19 cts.	2 19
	" Daniel Chamberlain, half day 50 cts.	50
	" Myself, Feb. 5, one day 1 00; 11th, part of a day 38 cts.; 28th, half day scraping roads, 56 cts.	1 94
March 6.	" Myself, half day scraping roads, and 7th ¼ day	1 12
	" H. P. Eveleth, one and a half day	1 50
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		\$ 72 58
	Balance paid to Michael Whittemore, Jr.	13 85
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		\$ 86 43

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Feb. By Balance of Cash in my hands at last Audit \$ 86 43
 March 7, 1845. JUDSON CHAPIN.

Town of Roxbury to Michael Whittemore, Jr. DR.

As Surveyor in Second Parish, from March, 1845, to Feb. 1846.

To Cash paid the following persons for labor, materials, &c., as per
 their Receipts :

Michael Whittemore, Jr., for gravel, and labor	71 36
Lemuel Richards, for Iron work	4 46
Dea'n J. Arnold, 40 12, Alvan M. Newton, 6 75	46 87
Dea'n B. Farrington, 5 89; Willard Bullard, 24 72	30 61
Andrew Whittemore, 68 21; C. O. Park, 1 12	69 33
E. M. Dudley, 17 99½; Joseph Arnold, 2d, 20 81½	38 86
Charles Lindall, 11 52; George G. North, 13 60	25 12
Jacob Wentworth, 6 18; Daniel Chamberlain, 3 81	9 99
John Chamberlain, 5 63; Jacob Kebler, 4 50	10 13
Michael Whittemore, 1 50; Wm. Mayo, 9 18	10 68
Joseph Baker, 1 50; Paul Draper, 3 23	4 73
J. T. Whittemore, 83 26; C. Curtis, 8 25	91 51
James Smith, 6 62; Wm. Palmer, 21 38	28 00
Joseph H. Billings, 25 56; T. S. Orange, 6 75	32 31
Judson Chapin, 29 06; C. Jordan, 1 13	30 19
L. Higgins, 11 79; H. Hildreth, 7 12	18 91
Moses Cass, 7 02; Samuel Whittemore, 4 50	11 52
Mason Basto, 47 99; C. A. Dana, 8 37	56 36
Ayers & Enslin, 64 12½; H. S. Whittemore, 29 37½	93 50
Benjamin Cass, 9 46; John Titterton, 5 34	14 80
A. Cass, 51 95; William Mackintosh, 23 30	75 25
George W. Mann, 11 24	11 24
George Leonard, 3 25	3 25
Benjamin Guild, 00 81; H. P. Eveleth, 14 37	15 18
Nathaniel Currier, 16 40; E. P. W. Esty, 3 30	19 70
George Hall, 30 83	30 83
My services as Surveyor of Highways	20 00
Balance in my hand	100 32
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By Town orders for Highways	900 00
Town order for Bridges	61 11
Received as Balance of Chapin	13 85
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	974 96

Errors excepted.

Feb. 9, 1846.

MICHAEL WHITTEMORE, Jr.

RECAPITULATION.

Amount expended by	J. W. Tucker, in Lower District	3935 90
"	" " John Fowle, in Middle District	1282 74
"	" " M. Whittemore, Jr., in Westerly	874 64
"	" " M. Whittemore, Jr., balance on hand	100 32
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		6193 60

CREDIT.

By amount appropriated for	Lower District	3700 00
"	" " Middle District	900 00
"	" " Westerly	900 00
"	" Expended over appropriation in Lower District	235 90
"	" Expended over " " Middle District	382 74
"	" Order to pay for Bridges, in Westerly District	61 11
"	" Cash received of Judson Chapin	13 85
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Roxbury Grammar School.

1845.		
March 11	To cash paid Enoch Bartlett, treasurer,	125 00
Sept. 8	" " " "	125 00
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		250 00

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1845		
March	By appropriation by vote of the Town,	250 00

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Military Services.

1845.		
Nov. 24	To cash paid Roxbury Artillery Company	297 00
Dec. 1	" " Norfolk Guards	227 00
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		524 00

CREDIT.

1846.		
Feb. 7	By cash received of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	524 00

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Powder for Fourth of July.

1845.		
June 30	To cash paid Capt. John L. Stanton	62 00

CREDIT.

1845.		
March	By appropriation by vote of the Town	62 00

Repairs on Alms and Town Houses.

1845.			
Oct. 20	To cash paid S. Felton, whitewashing		35 50
1846.			
January 3	“ “ Geo. B. Davis, repairs		46 81
31	To J. W. Tucker, sundry bills, repairs Alms House		12 00
	Amount unexpended		505 69
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			600 00

1845. CREDIT.

March	By appropriation by vote of the Town		600 00
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Guide Boards.

1846.			
January 3	To cash paid Geo. B. Davis, for guide boards		12 88
	“ “ Wm. Dove, “		14 25
	Amount unexpended		72 87
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			100 00

1845. CREDIT.

March	By appropriation by vote of the Town		100 00
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Town Officers.

Isaac Davis, Treasurer			100 00
Joseph W. Tucker, Selectman and Assessor			395 00
Michael Whittemore, Jr. do do			179 50
John Fowle, do do			180 00
William Whiting, do do			205 00
George B. Davis, do do			197 75
Nathaniel S. Prentiss, Town Clerk, and attendance on Selectmen, and Assessors			455 25
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			\$ 1712 50

CREDIT.

Amount appropriated to pay Town Officers	1500 00	
Amount expended over appropriation	212 50	
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Contingent Expenses.

March	To Cash paid Nathaniel Curtis, expense of Audit		151 24
	paid L. Haynes, as special Constable, &c.		37 00
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	Amount carried over,		188 24

		Amount brought over,	188 24
March.	To Cash	paid Judson Chapin, for plough, &c.	19 13
		paid E. G. Perry, notifying town meetings, &c.	21 00
April		paid Joseph G. Torrey, printing, &c.	57 07
		paid Charles Whitney surveying	20 00
		paid J. H. Davis, attending Town Meetings, &c.	10 00
		paid L. Haynes, for distributing School Reports	11 85
May		paid Leonard Haynes, watching, police, etc.	54 50
		paid I. H. Meserve, expenses, in law suit Dover	124 40
		paid sundry bills	14 47
June		paid E. G. Perry, for taking account of births	18 90
		paid sundry bills for watching	4 75
		paid Leonard Haynes, watching, &c.	16 00
		paid G. & Z. Harlow & Co., window blinds for house	40 41
		paid for plough	18 00
		paid sundry bills	16 50
July		paid Horace Bacon, postage	11 54
		paid for repairing well at Davis' Point	50 00
		paid I. H. Meserve, for extra police, July 4	9 00
		paid Leonard Haynes, police and watching	38 00
		paid E. S. Harrington, lamps, Town Hall	14 88
August		paid Edwin Richards, for horse hire	22 50
		paid Samuel Thompson, repairing pump	5 00
		paid Fealy, for labor on well, at the Point	7 50
Sept		paid William Whiting, for coal	15 33
		paid Nelson Curtis, for conductor into reservoir	29 25
		paid George W. Robinson, damage on Tre- mont street	25 00
		paid James M. Southwick, stationery, etc.	43 48
		paid for charcoal, etc.	6 83
Oct.		paid John Bowdlear, for pump	25 00
		paid Leonard Haynes, police, watch, etc.	40 75
		paid interest for overdrafts, at the People's Bank	340 01
		paid C. Whitney, for surveying boundary line	66 38
Nov.		paid Jos. B. Towle, for entertainment at sun- dry times for 1844, and 1845	85 75
		paid Leonard Haynes, for warning and at- tending Town meeting	21 95
		paid S. Bartlett, for legal advice before a Com- mittee of the Legislature, as per vote of the Town	52 00
Dec.		paid Luke Jewett, for warning and attending Town meetings	19 00
		paid Jos. G. Torrey, for printing	154 67
		Amount carried over,	1719 04

	Amount brought over,	1719 04
	A. R. Mathes, for horse hire, etc.	29 50
	paid Geo. B. Davis, repairs on dwelling house	41 90
1846.		
January	paid John H. Davis, notifying and attending Town meetings	21 00
	paid Leonard Haynes, for distributing reports, relating to the City Charter	22 50
	paid sundry bills for notices in Newspapers	53 88
	paid G. B. Davis, error in bill, see order 295	10 00
	paid William Tolman, for bound stones	8 13
	paid for damage, on Lowell Street	8 57
	paid Nathaniel S. Prentiss, recording births	34 00
	paid Nathaniel S. Prentiss, for making out and returning militia	15 00
	paid George B. Davis, sundry expenses	15 00
	paid John J. Clarke, for professional services from 1841, to Feb. 1846	107 25
	paid Ezra Wilkinson, for professional services	40 00
	paid sundry bills	25 78
Feb.	paid E. G. Perry, for special police and watch	38 00
	paid for sundry assessments on land, Williams Street	61 88
	paid William Whiting, sundry bills	9 97
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		2261 40
	Amount unexpended	589 09
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		\$ 2850 49
1845.	CREDIT.	
March.	By appropriation as per vote	600 00
	Amount to pay interest on overdrafts at People's Bank	300 00
	appropriated to pay expense of audit	125 00
	cash received for rent of Town Hall	65 00
	cash received of Nelson Curtis, rent of Town House cellar	15 00
	cash received of Geo. B. Davis, rent of House	200 00
	cash received for fees, etc., in Dover case	78 20
	cash received of A. W. Newman, income of Hay Scales	69 07
	cash received of R. Seaver, income of Hay Scales	45 97
	cash received of R. & Jackson, for rent of Town Wharf, to March 31, 1846	100 00
	cash received of H. & G. W. Pierce, rent of Market House, up to Jan. 31, 1846	150 00
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	Amount carried over,	1748 24

	Amount brought over,	1748 24
March.	By cash received of Town of Brookline, their proportion of State and County tax, for 1844, and 1845, 49 16, less 5 00	44 16
	Overplus in casting taxes	1053 09
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	\$	2850 49

Principal and Interest of Town Debt, paid 1845.

May 26	William Whiting, Treasurer, for principal and interest, Savings Institution	1180 00
Sept. 30	Samuel Guild, principal and interest, note to John Parker's estate,	2120 00
Oct. 11	Paid Boston Provident Institution for Savings, principal and interest,	1800 00
	Estate of John Parker, principal and interest,	1300 00
Dec 13	Isaac Davis, interest on 2000 00	120 00
1846.		
Jan. 5	Aaron D. Williams, 16th annual payment on Alms House land	150 00
7	Interest to Savings Institution, Boston	102 45
	James Parker's note and interest	6360 00
	Amount unexpended,	1180 00
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		14,312 45
1845.	CR.	
	By appropriations,	14,312 45

Repairs of Bridges and Railings.


1845.		
April 14	To Jos. W. Tucker, cash paid for labor	19 37
17	Jos. W. Tucker, cash paid for stone	58 92
26	" "	33 50
May 8	Jos. W. Tucker, cash paid for labor	10 00
June 19	Cash paid Sweeney & Welch, for labor	35 62
23	Michael Whittemore, Jr., sundry bills	61 11
26	Jos. W. Tucker, cash paid for carting stone	7 00
30	John Fowle, paid for bridge on Prince's hill	68 75
July 7	Joseph W. Tucker, cash paid for drain	9 37
21	James Card, for iron work	23 50
Sept. 1	Allen Putnam, for cedar posts	8 11
15	Isaac H. Meserve, for labor	7 50
30	Jos. M. Weld, for labor	39 83
Oct. 2	J. A. Perry & Co., plank for Water street	28 49
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	Amount carried over,	411 07

		Amount brought over,	411 07
Oct.	6	John Fowle, cash paid Michael Shortill, for bridge near Nute's	284 25
	6	J. W. Tucker, paid Overseers of the Poor	151 11
	13	John Fowle, for bridge, Green street	22 75
	14	Cash paid Sweeney & Welch, for bridge on Williams street	12 50
Nov.	13	J. W. Tucker, cash paid for covering stone	11 00
	24	John Fowle, cash paid for railings	7 83
1846.			
Jan.	23	D. Simpson, for railings, &c.	21 90
	26	John Webber, for edge stones, 1843	29 50
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			951 91

1845.		CREDIT.	
March		By appropriation as per vote	600 00
		Amount expended over appropriation	351 91
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			951 91

EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Lower District	467 39
Jamaica Plain	423 41
Spring Street	61 11
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	951 91



Oil and Lighting Lamps.

1845.			
March	10	To paid J. D. Jenness, lighting lamps	40 50
May	10	Joshua Seaver, for oil	49 13
	14	E. G. Perry, for lighting lamps	18 75
June	2	J. D. Jenness, for lighting lamps	40 50
Augst	4	E. G. Perry, for lighting lamps	18 75
	18	Joshua Seaver, for oil	59 85
Sept.	1	J. D. Jenness, for lighting lamps	40 50
Oct.	27	John Baker, for oil	3 38
Nov.	3	E. G. Perry, for lighting lamps	18 75
	24	George Center for lamps, &c.	7 75
Dec.	1	William Seaver, for oil, &c.	41 92
		J. D. Jenness, for lighting lamps	40 50
1846.			
Jan.	5	Geo. B. Davis repairs of lamps	28 91
	12	For lamps and oil	22 41
	12	Hewins & Fisher, for oil	144 40
Feb.	2	E. G. Perry, lighting lamps	18 75
		Amount unexpended	205 25
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			800 00

1845. CREDIT.

March	By amount appropriated as per vote	700 00
	“ appropriated for lamps and posts	100 00
		<hr/> 800 00

Building Reservoirs.

1845.

May 23.	To cash paid True Russell, building Reservoir near Cusick's store	13 91
July 26.	To cash paid J. Evans, for Reservoir, in Short Street	50 00
29.	To cash paid Ira Allen, for do in Short Street	184 47
Oct. 11.	To cash paid Franklin Proctor, for building Reservoir, in Roxbury Street	400 00
		<hr/> \$ 648 38

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Appropriation	500 00
Amount expended over appropriation	148 38
	<hr/> \$ 648 38

Collector's Fees, Discounts, and Abatements.

1846.

Feb. 2.	To cash paid Joseph W. Dudley, in full for all abate- ments, on tax list, for 1835	\$ 1011 06
	cash paid Joseph W. Dudley, for discount on taxes, paid previous to Sept. 30, 1845	1681 38
	cash paid Joseph W. Dudley, his fees, for collecting taxes for 1845	1230 56
		<hr/> 3923 00

1845.

CREDIT.

March.	By amount appropriated as per vote for abatement	650 00
	“ “ “ for Collector's fees, discounts, etc.	2600 00
	“ “ “ expended over appropriation	673 00
		<hr/> 3923 00

1845.

March.	Amount due People's Bank at last audit	676 42
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By amount appropriated as per vote	676 42
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School Expenditures, for 1845--6.

WASHINGTON.

SALARIES.

Levi Reed, principal, one year	900 00
William F. Basto, 1 year, grammar master	800 00
Mary Ann Russell, 1 year, assistant teacher	243 75
Eliza W. Newbury, " " "	243 75
James A. Page, assistant, from Feb. 1, to Oct. 1	300 00
Sarah L. Ford, from August, to Feb. 1, 1846	110 59
Philenia A. Tucker, from Feb., to August, 1845	118 75
Mary A. Adams, from May, to Feb. 1846	187 50
Harriet P. Nichols, from Sept., to Feb. 1846	82 69 2987 03

CONTINGENT.

Southwick, ink, &c.	6 00
E. W. Dean, labor	11 48
T. Russell, "	15 57
M. Hanson, "	112 74
H. Pratt, "	4 62
G. B. Davis, glazing	3 47
J. Pierce, making fires	35 67
L. Reed, sundries	18 00
N. Adams, timepiece, &c.	12 50
T. F. Caldicott, charts	10 00
C. Marsh, sund.	2 00
G. N. Kent, labor	1 52
Kittredge & Blake, sundries	9 75
N. Curtis, labor	2 25 264 57

BOOKS.

J. M. Southwick	26 25
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FUEL.

Allen Putnam	125 33
S. Smith, charcoal	18 77 144 10

DUDLEY.

SALARIES.

Jeremiah Plympton, 1 year as principal	1125 00
Adeline Seaver, 1 year as assistant	243 75
Annette Pomeroy, from Feb. to Aug. '45	118 75

Amount carried over, 1487 50

Amount brought over,	1487	50
Sarah W. Taber, 1 year	243	75
Sarah A. Lord, from Feb. to Nov. 1845	168	39
Elizabeth T. Lerner 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ mos. to Feb '46	220	30
Maria A. Newell, from May to Feb. '46	187	50
Mary McMellon, from June 12 to Aug. 1	34	92
Georgiana Howard, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks	19	22
Clara Belknap, from July 20 to Feb. 1, '46	105	77
E. French, 7-13 of a qr., to Feb. 1846	33	65
Harriet W. Taber, from March 24, to June 30	38	13 2539 13

CONTINGENT.

Richard Bond, for plan and services on brick school house	150	00
Nelson Curtis, labor, &c.	253	13
Bullock & Cushman, labor, &c.	70	25
Kittredge & Blake, sundries	32	08
J. Plympton, cash paid bills	22	05
Richardson & Robbins, labor	31	19
C. Marsh, sundries	11	90
T. F. Caldicott, charts	10	00
I. H. Meserve, labor	10	00
J. Pierce, jr., making fires	40	01
G. B. Davis, glazing	16	59
Southwick, ink, &c.	5	00
H. H. Williams, sundries	2	50
A. Patten, chairs	5	00 659 70

BOOKS.

Southwick	18	50
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FUEL.

Allen Putnam	115	88
S. Smith, charcoal	18	33 134 21

CENTRAL.

SALARIES.

Alanson Valentine, principal, 1 year	700	00
M. E. Valentine, assist't, from Feb. 1, to March 8, 1845	21	15
Lydia M. Harris, from March 8, to June 6, 1845	57	44
Charlotte Williams, from June 9, to Feb. 1, 1846	145	38 923 97

BOOKS.

C. Williams, cash paid for Books,	1	62
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FUEL.

A. Putnam	60 95	
S. Smith,	15 00	75 95

CONTINGENT.

C. S. Hersey, labor	21 33	
M. Hurd, "	10 00	
E. Brown, "	6 74	
B. Armstrong, labor	11 95	
J. Dove, glazing	10 75	
T. F. Caldicott, charts	10 00	
R. Seaver, sundry bills	28 29	
R. Lawrence	6 00	
A. Dickson	2 45	
Southwick, chalk, &c.	1 00	108 51

WESTERLY.

SALARIES.

G. A. Sawyer, principal, 1 year	700 00	
Phebe F. Marsh, 1 year, as assistant	218 75	918 75

BOOKS.

G. A. Sawyer	10 61	
T. Parker	50	11 11

FUEL.

A. Putnam,	68 78	
G. A. Sawyer, cash paid for charcoal	10 50	79 28

CONTINGENT.

Burleigh & Lang, labor	16 00	
S. Wales, jr., chairs	15 00	
G. A. Sawyer, sundries	54 11	
T. F. Caldicott, charts	10 00	
G. Hall, labor,	4 25	
J. W. Wason,	4 56	
B. Blaney, stove work	6 25	
T. Parker	50	
Hazlewood, balance bill 1844	1 15	

 111 82

CR. By proceeds on sale of stove, paid by Mr. Cowing, March, 1844	2 00	109 82
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PRIMARY SCHOOLS, Nos. 1 and 2.

SALARIES.

Eunice Brooks, from Feb. to May 1, '45	56	25	
Georgiana Howard, from May 1 to Feb. 1, '46	168	75	
Maria A. Newell, one qr. ending May 1	56	25	
Louisa Newell, ass't, from Feb. 1 to April 30	52	08	
Sarah L. Mecuen, from April 1 to Feb. 1, '46	185	42	
Cornelia F. Moore, 3 qrs. as ass't, to Feb. 1, '46	150	00	668 75

CONTINGENT.

Hunneman, stove work	37	73	
R. & Robbins, labor	19	47	
M. A. and L. Newell, sund.	8	00	
S. L. Mecuen, "	2	03	
G. Howard, "		75	
Joseph Brown, labor	5	50	
W. Dove, jr. glazing	2	00	
E. Brooks, sund.	6	50	81 98

FUEL.

A. Putnam, hard coal	25	44	
S. Smith, soft "	11	33	36 77

BOOKS.

Southwick,			5 00
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PRIMARY SCHOOLS, Nos. 3 and 16.

SALARIES.

Sarah W. Wyman, one year	225	00	
Anna C. Bell, one year,	225	00	
Mary R. Blanchard, assistant	9	75	459 75

CONTINGENT.

D. Simpson, labor	19	42	
C. Leroy, seats	25	00	
G. White, making fires	10	00	
S. Thompson, labor	8	50	
Wyman & Bell, cash paid sundry bills,	6	38	
E. Tabor, labor	2	00	
G. Curtis, "	1	75	73 05

FUEL.

A. Putnam, coal	34	51	
Bullard & Co., bark	5	65	40 16

BOOKS.

Southwick			4 00
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PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 4.

SALARY.

Louisa E. Harris, one year	225 00
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FUEL.

A. Putnam, coal	13 27	
Bullard & Co., bark	5 65	18 92

CONTINGENT.

J. Crawford, labor	7 00	
A. M. Withington, labor	5 88	
J. H. Swain, making fires, &c.	6 54	
L. E. Harris, sund.	2 75	
J. Champney, jr. sund.	1 40	23 57

BOOKS.

Southwick	2 00
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PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 5.

SALARY.

Caroline N. Heath, one year	200 00
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FUEL.

A. Putnam, coal	13 71
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CONTINGENT.

George B. Davis, painting	30 00	
R. Seaver, sund.	4 98	
C. N. Heath, sund.	8 00	
W. G. Perry, labor	4 50	47 48

PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 6.

SALARY.

Lydia M. Harris, from Feb. to March 6	20 00	
Ann M. James, from March 6, to Feb. 1, '46	180 00	200 00

CONTINGENT.

R. Seaver, sundry bills	4 85	
L. M. Harris, cleaning room	3 50	8 35

PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 7.

SALARY.

Louisa Newton, for 7½ months, to Dec. 15, '45	125 00
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FUEL.

L. Newton, for wood,	9 53	
A. M. Newton, sawing, &c.	2 50	12 03

CONTINGENT.

T. Parker, sundry bills	2 70	
B. Follan, "	5 00	
G. R. Russell, "	5 05	12 75

PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 8.

SALARY.

Sarah J. Morse, for 9 mo. salary, to December 1, '45	150 00	
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FUEL.

W. Ward, for coal	2 00	
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CONTINGENT

J. W. Wason, labor	12 44	
S. J. Morse, paid for making fires	5 00	
G. R. Rnsell, cash paid sundry bills	9 30	26 74

PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 9.

SALARY.

Charlotte Williams, one qr. ending May 1	50 00	
Lucretia Williams, from June 9 to November 1	79 23	
Jane M. Swain, one qr. ending Feb. 1, '46	50 00	179 23

FUEL.

J. T. Whittemore, wood	9 24	
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CONTINGENT.

R. Seaver, for clock, &c.	17 56	
D. Brims, labor,	14 00	
A. Hewins, making fires	5 00	
C. & L. Williams, sund.	4 66	
Donald & Henley, "	4 25	45 47

PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 10.

SALARY.

Ellen A. Marean, one year	200 00	
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FUEL.

A. Putnam, for coal	13 05	
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CONTINGENT.

Anderson, for making fires, &c.	5 00	
C. Bird, labor	7 78	
C. G. Fisher, sundries	3 34	
E. A. Marean, "	3 00	
Waterman & Pettee, sundries,	5 67	24 79

PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 11.

SALARY.			
Louisa Mitchell, one year			225 00
FUEL.			
A. Putnam, coal	16 07		
J. B. Page, for wood	4 00	20 07	
CONTINGENT.			
L. Mitchell, sundries	8 08		
M. Connell, labor	2 50	10 58	

PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 12.

SALARIES.			
Mary A. Adams, 1 qr. ending May 1, 1845	56 25		
Louisa Newell, 3 qrs. ending Feb. 1, 1846	168 75	225 00	
FUEL.			
A. Putnam, coal		13 25	
CONTINGENT.			
E. Taber, repairing clock		1 00	
BOOKS.			
Southwick		2 50	

PRIMARY SCHOOLS, Nos. 13 and 15.

SALARIES.			
Lucy A. Lerner, one year	225 00		
Emeline Morse, 7 mos. ending Sept. 1	131 25		
Elizabeth A. Pearson, from May to Sept. 1	75 00		
Jane M. Swain, as assistant 1 mo.	12 97		
C. F. Moore, as assistant, from April 14, to 25	4 32		
A. M. Gardner, assistant 2 weeks	8 65		
Harriet W. Taber, from Aug. 25, to Feb. 1	99 52	556 71	
FUEL.			
A. Putnam, coal	26 05		
Bullard & Co. bark	5 65	31 70	
CONTINGENT.			
J. Seaver, paid making fires	5 00		
E. Taber, labor	2 50		
D. Corbet, "	8 50		
O. Haynes, "	2 00		
L. A. Lerner, pd for cleaning house, &c.	12 15		
J. Crawford, seats, &c.	16 08	46 23	

BOOKS.		
Southwick,		5 63

PRIMARY SCHOOLS, Nos. 14 and 17.

SALARIES.

Harriet A. Newton, 1 year	225 00	
Caroline Williams, 1 year	225 00	450 00

CONTINGENT.

B. F. Campbell, paid sundry bills	20 85	
H. A. Newton, "	7 00	
C. Williams, "	7 25	
A. B. Pierce, making fires	10 95	
T. Williams, labor	15 62	
A. Chase, jr. labor	3 00	
W. Follen 3 00 M. Tucker 3 00	6 00	
C. Bird, labor	7 62	78 29

BOOKS.

Southwick	4 50
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FUEL.

A. Putnam, coal	24 90	
Donakin, charcoal	11 33	36 23

PRIMARY SCHOOL, No. 18.

SALARIES.

Sophia G. Prentiss, one year	200 00
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FUEL.

A. Putnam, coal	12 21
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CONTINGENT.

Hunneman, stove work	33 13	
A. Hodgdon, labor	25 75	
R. Seaver, sundry bills	6 44	
S. G. Prentiss, "	7 60	
G. W. Corbet, "	1 00	73 92

PRIMARY SCHOOLS, Nos. 19 and 20.

SALARIES.

Emeline Morse, from Sept. 1 to Feb. 1, 1846	93 75	
Elizabeth A. Pearson, from Sept. to Feb. 1, '46	93 75	187 50

FUEL.

A. Putnam, coal	24 60	
A. Putnam, bark	4 00	28 60

CONTINGENT.

J. Seaver, cash paid for making fires, &c.	6 00	
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PURCHASING LAND AND BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL-
HOUSE ON ORANGE STREET,

And Furnishing the same.

Willard Hawes, for land	640 00	
T. Sweat, for materials and labor on house	1640 00	
G. Center, stoves and funnel	59 08	
Joseph C. Howard, for plan and specifications	20 00	
J. M. Doe, for chairs	6 00	
J. Quigley, for desks	14 00	
E. Taber, timepieces	20 00	
W. Crehore, blackboards	6 00	
J. M. Southwick, maps	8 59	
D. A. Simmons, services	6 12	
E. G. Perry, labor	2 00	
Thacher Sweat, labor	29 73	2451 52

RENT OF ELIOT SCHOOL HOUSE.

Francis C. Head, treasurer Eliot fund, 1 year	300 00	
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FURNISHING ROOM IN THE DUDLEY SCHOOL
HOUSE, BARTLETT STREET.

William Crehore, for furnishing room	480 00	
“ for extra labor about the building	24 20	
E. Taber, one timepiece	10 00	514 20

GENERAL CONTINGENCIES.

Southwick, for binding registers, &c.	4 00	
J. G. Torrey, printing	14 93	
H. L. Devereux, printing	2 00	
E. G. Perry, census of births	18 00	
A. R. Mathes, carriage hire in examining schools	11 50	
F. Hilliard, “ “	2 00	
R. Seaver, “ “	1 50	53 93

PAY OF COMMITTEE FOR 1844—45.

George Putnam,	25 00	Amount brought up	93 00
Thomas F. Caldicott,	15 00	Samuel Walker,	10 00
F. Hilliard,	10 00	C. Parker, jr.	13 00
C. H. Fay,	15 00	S. H. Walley, jr.	10 00
J. H. Allen,	13 00	D. G. Hicks,	5 00
C. Cowing,	10 00	Joshua Seaver, and as	
B. P. Williams,	5 00	secretary,	69 00
Amount carried up	93 00		200 00

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries		11620 82
Fuel		721 48
Books		81 11
Expenses of Committee		200 00
Rent of Eliot School House		300 00
New School House, Orange street		2451 52
Furnishing School Room, Dudley School House, Bartlett street		514 20
Contingent exp. for the several schools	1702 80	
General contingences	53 93	1756 73
Amount unexpended		438 92
		18084 78

CR. By Town appropriations, viz:

For salaries of School Teachers	12115 75	
Fuel	750 00	
Books	100 00	
Expenses of Committee	200 00	
Rent of Eliot School House	300 00	
Furnishing room in Dudley School House, Bartlett street	500 00	
Contingent expenses	1200 00	
New School House, Orange street	2500 00	
Cash received from State Treasurer, being the Town's share of school fund	419 03	18084 78

Roxbury, Feb. 12, 1846.

Errors excepted.

JOSHUA SEAVER, Secretary of School Committee.

Expenses of the Fire Department.

1845.		DR.		
March	24	For cash paid W. G. Eaton, chief engineer		100 00
April	11	" " "		400 10
May	5	" " "		1484 70
	28	" " "		433 21
July	3	" " "		444 22
August	8	" " "		712 90
		" " "		488 04
	16	" " "		26 43
April	24.	Albert Brewer, for extra labor of No. 6, at the fire in Davis street, as per vote of the town		100 00
				4189 60
Sept.	22	For cash paid Edwin Lemist, chief engineer		48 06
Oct.	7	" " "		670 78
Nov.	8	" " "		97 51
	14	" " "		429 19
	18	" " "		103 25
1846.				
Jan.	8	" " "		290 20
	12	" Wm. Whiting,		15 70
Feb.	3	" Edwin Lemist,		864 78
				2519 47
				6709 07

1845.		CREDIT.		
March.		By appropriation as per vote to Engine Co. No. 6, for extra services, at the fire on Davis street		100 00
		Appropriation for sundry repairs and expenses of engines, apparatus, &c.		3000 00
		Amount voted to pay the members of the department, for services		3198 00
		Amount expended over appropriation		411 07
				6709 07

Synopsis of the Accounts of the Chief Engineers, viz.

Expended by Wm. G. Eaton, from March 20, to August 18, 1845.

For Engine No. 1	792 23
" " 2	320 43
" " 3	331 76
" " 4	628 07
" " 5	124 10
Amount carried over,	
	2196 59

	Amount brought over,	2196 59	
For Engine No. 6		580 77	
" " 7		541 85	
Hook and Ladder Co.		387 56	
General contingences		382 83	4089 60
CR.	By cash for Town Orders		4089 60

Expended by Edwin Lemist, from Aug. 18, 1845, to Feb. 1, 1846.

For Engine No. 1	301 29	
" " 2	480 16	
" " 3	158 92	
" " 4	183 77	
" " 5	130 50	
" " 6	632 94	
" " 7	293 17	
Hook and Ladder	192 82	
Board of Engineers	107 50	
Incidentals	38 40	2519 47
CR.	By cash for Town Orders	2519 47

The several accounts made out by the Engineers are very minute and particular, specifying all the items, and showing how the money has been expended: they are very voluminous, and we thought it would not pay the expense to print them entire; but have endeavored to present a statement which will show the expenses of each Company. For any particular information, reference can be had by examining the accounts, which are filed with the other papers of the town.

Support of the Poor.

Together with the expense of keeping teams, &c. at the 1845.		Alms House.	DR.
March 11	To cash paid blasting rocks, &c.		32 00
13	Two yoke of oxen		206 42
20	Blasting rocks, &c.		11 08
31	B. E. Coting, medical attendance		24 00
April 2	Ezra Young, in full for labor, to April 1		69 87
	Cash paid for nursing		83 00
	E. H. Meserve, services as keeper		200 00
Amount carried over,			626 37

		Amount brought over,	626 37
April	7	To Joseph Houghton, for meal	94 02
		Cash paid for cow	33 00
	9	H. & G. W. Pierce, meat, &c.	244 21
	11	I. H. Meserve, for supplies	34 83
	14	Cash paid for labor	14 25
	21	Allen Putnam, for coal and wood	55 06
	30	Clarissa Franklin, nursing Mrs. Markham	5 00
May	5	Lucy Howard, boarding foundling	19 50
	10	Wood work of two carts	73 00
		Iron work of two carts	89 03
		Cash paid for hay, &c.	17 79
	17	Cash paid for labor	23 78
	20	Cash paid for labor, &c.	20 00
	21	M. Whittemore, jr. for potatoes	20 25
	21	Joseph W. Tucker, paid sundry bills	97 82
	23	Joseph W. Tucker, paid for hay	18 69
	28	Caleb Parker, jr. for supplies	90 56
	29	I. H. Meserve, paid for labor	10 00
June	2	Josiah Sanborn, for labor	36 33
	4	Freeman Simpson, wheelwright work	35 14
	5	Jacob Wentworth, for hay	15 05
	6	I. H. Meserve, in part for services	25 00
	23	Catherine Lally, nursing child	26 00
	26	Joseph W. Tucker, paid sundry bills	27 60
	30	A. F. Howe, for grass and rye, at auction	52 00
July	1	Warren B. Jones, for labor	26 00
		H. & G. W. Pierce, meat	254 55
	3	I. H. Meserve, for butter	21 00
		I. H. Meserve, sundry bills	34 50
		N. Nutter, for labor	40 00
	5	John Fealy, for labor	36 50
		Michael Glynn, for labor	21 93
	7	R. Weekes, for iron work	65 66
		Joseph Houghton, for meal and corn	148 44
		Phineas B. Smith, for iron work	44 94
	21	James Card, for iron work	13 21
		Aaron D. Adams, for hardware, &c.	40 02
Aug.	4	George Read, for bedsteads	17 00
		William Mead, jr. for groceries	17 48
	8	Stephen Faunce, jr. for supplies	66 22
		Cash paid for labor	20 00
	16	I. H. Meserve, in part for services	75 00
		I. H. Meserve, to pay for nursing	13 00
	18	Joshua Seaver, for supplies	63 77
	25	M. Glynn, for labor	25 31
		Storage of hay	4 00

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		Amount boought up	2258 02
Aug.	25 To	I. H. Meserve, paid for hay	32 92
	27	I. H. Meserve, paid sundry bills	21 31
Sept.	1	Nancy White, for nursing child	56 00
		Allen Putnam, for coal	158 54
		Samuel Thompson, shoeing horse	3 34
	8	Joseph W. Tucker, paid sundry bills	16 49
	12	Cash paid for labor	28 00
	15	Richardson & Jackson, for powder, &c.	43 91
		Labor on the marsh	10 00
		I. H. Meserve, paid for blasting rocks	13 75
	22	Asa Wyman, for standing grass	97 64
		Catherine Lally, nursing foundling	26 00
		Tillson Williams, wood, &c.	71 38
	23	James M. Southwick, books, &c.	3 38
	27	Joseph W. Tucker, paid for crackers	34 17
	29	M. Whittemore, jr. support of E. Thayer	6 50
Oct.	1	Cash paid for labor	54 75
		N. Nutter, for labor	26 58
		I. H. Meserve, services as keeper in part	100 00
		John Feany, for labor	6 75
	2	J. A. Perry & Co. lumber, &c.	56 46
	6	B. E. Swain, for labor	66 70
		Joseph Houghton, grain and meal	162 88
	11	I. H. Meserve, for supplies	24 10
		H. & G. W. Pierce, for meat	269 86
		Wiswall & Emerson, potatoes	5 63
	14	Sweeney & Welch, for blasting rocks	14 37
	15	B. E. Cotting, medical attendance	24 00
	22	Wm. Whiting, paid sundry bills	150 72
	23	Jos. W. Tucker, paid sundry bills	14 00
	27	Jos. W. Tucker, supplies	20 17
	30	John Tanner, for labor	98 00
		Caleb Parker, jr. for supplies	110 10
Nov.	7	Cash paid for iron work	18 52
	11	Jos. W. Tucker, paid for scraping gutters	10 00
	20	Asa Wyman & Son, for wood, &c.	88 56
	24	John Wallace, labor	6 00
Dec.	5	Catharine Lally, for nursing foundling	26 00
	22	Edwin Lemist, clothing, &c.	130 24
	29	I. H. Meserve, supplies	23 06
	31	W. H. Palmer, supplies for Mrs. Markham	13 00
1846.			
Jan.	1	Town of Randolph, support of a pauper	8 50
	3	Sam'l Thompson, iron work	10 49
	5	William Whiting, for supplies	167 51
		Joseph Houghton, meal, &c.	100 76
		Reuben Hunting, for supplies	37 37

Amount carried over, 5321 22

		Amount brought over,	5321 22
Jan.	5	To F. Simpson and R. Weeks, iron and wheelwright work	82 68
		P. B. Smith, iron work	29 01
		Henry White, medicine	33 25
		I. H. Meserve, for supplies	9 99
		Michael Whittemore, jr. support of E. Thayer	6 50
		Michael Whittemore, jr. support of B. Richards	13 00
	12	William Whiting, paid sundry bills	56 60
	13	Joseph W. Tucker, for rent of land, &c.	120 40
	14	Town of Quincy support of J. Faxon	72 58
	15	Joseph W. Tucker, paid sundry bills	126 65
	17	Jos. W. Tucker, paid sundry bills for support of persons in the State Lunatic Hospital	169 97
		City of Boston, support of Stephen Randall	26 00
	20	Edwin Richards, horse and carriage hire	10 50
	22	Joseph W. Tucker, paid sundry bills	61 35
	23	Caleb Parker, jr. supplies	75 50
	26	Richard White, for meal	65 48
	29	Joseph W. Tucker, services as overseer	75 00
		William Whiting, " "	75 00
		Allen Putnam, for wood, &c.	98 64
	30	Tillson Williams, wood, &c.	75 07
	31	Jos. W. Tucker, paid sundry bills	43 61
Feb.	4	Town of West Newbury, support of Joseph Blake, in the State Lunatic Hospital	58 99
	5	H. & G. W. Pierce, for meat to Dec. 31, '45	106 90
		B. Farrington and Robert Seaver, supplies for B. Richards and E. Fuller's family	14 80
		Trustees of State Lunatic Hospital, for board of Oliver Hartshorn, to Nov. 30, 1845	182 35
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1845.	CONTRA	CR.
March.	By amount appropriated by vote of the Town	\$ 2600 00
	" cash received for labor done by men and teams, on highways	2020 45
	" cash received for labor done on bridges	151 11
	" cash received for labor done by men and teams on highways	160 08
	" cash received of J. W. Tucker, for wood	3 00
	" cash received of A. Greenough, for labor	\$ 200 00
	Deduct for labor paid out	93 00
		<hr/> 107 00
		<hr/> Amount carried over, 5041 64

	Amount brought over,	5041 64
March.	By cash received for board of Mrs. Cheney	26 00
August.	" cash received for board of Mrs. Cheney	20 50
	" cash received of chemical works, rent of land	10 00
	" cash received of the Town of Brookline, support of sundry paupers	122 00
	" cash received of Thomas Simmons and others, for labor, &c., done on Highland Street	50 00
	" cash received of West Newbury, support of a pauper	25 00
	" cash received of I. H. Meserve, for sundry articles sold	90 00
	" Cash received of the Town of Dorchester	7 00
	Expended over appropriation,	300 00
	Amount to receive of the State for the support of State paupers	1318 90
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Statement of the Almshouse.

Work done on the Farm—527 days by inmates, 98 by men hired, 60 by oxen; moving earth and stone near the house, 55 by inmates, 37 by men hired, 14 by oxen.

Work done drilling, blasting rocks, and hammering stone—528 days by inmates, 117 by men hired, 65 by oxen.

Work done on the streets, bridges, gutters, &c.,—645 by men hired, 763 by inmates, 427 by oxen.

STOCK AND UTENSILS ON HAND.

Nine hogs, one yoke of oxen, 3 cows, one calf, one horse, 2 horse wagons, and harness, one horse cart and harness, three ox carts, one ox wagon, one ox sled, five ox yokes, one harrow, one stone drag, three ploughs, six iron bars, five drills, one set of drilling tools, fifteen stone hammers, five picks, five ox chains, six scythes and sneaths, three axes, eight hay forks, ten rakes, three manure forks, &c.

PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

300 bushels of potatoes, 2,000 pounds of pork, 10 tons of hay, (and about 20 tons of hay, and 45 bushels of rye, purchased standing in the field,) 8 tons of carrots, 2,000 pounds of squash, 40 bushels of onions, 500 cabbages, 30 barrels of apples, 15 tons of salt hay cut on the basin marsh, turnips, beets, parsnips, etc.

PRODUCE ON HAND.

150 bushels of potatoes, 800 pounds of pork, 18 tons of hay, 12 tons of salt hay, 3 tons of carrots, 15 bushels of onions, 200 cabbages, 6 cords of wood, and 10 tons of coal.

STATEMENT OF BEDS AND BEDDING.

61 bedsteads, 64 underbeds, 38 featherbeds, 210 sheets, 106 pillows, 200 pillow cases, 116 bedspreads, blankets, counterpanes, etc.—Also clothing, and cloth on hand, to the amount of about \$150 00.

STATEMENT OF INMATES.

Number admitted in 1845, 295; present number 76; average number 75; births 5; deaths 14; foreigners now in the house, 49. A quantity of oakum on hand; 400 loads of fine stone chips; and sundry bills due from persons for labor done by the inmates.

An account of the Real and Personal Property, of the Town of Roxbury, 1846.

THE TOWN HOUSE.

GRAMMAR, AND WRITING SCHOOL HOUSES, viz:—

<i>Dudley</i> —In Kenilworth Street. Built of stone, purchased in 1840, for	\$ 7000 00.
<i>Dudley</i> —On Bartlett Street. Built of brick in 1844, cost about	\$ 7000 00.
<i>Washington</i> —On Washington Street. Built of brick in 1842, and cost exclusive of land	\$ 12000 00.
<i>Westerly</i> —In Spring Street. Built of wood, 1843, cost \$ 1350.—New story added in 1844, at an expense of 1900 00	\$ 3250 00.

THIRTEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL HOUSES, all built of wood, viz:—

Sumner Street,	Mill Dam,
Centre, “	Jamaica Plain,
Washington Street,	Nutes’ Corner,
Near Grove Hall,	Canterbury,
Yeoman Street,	Lower Canterbury,
Oxford, “	Spring Street.
Orange, “	

ENGINE HOUSES, six in number, and situated as follows, viz:—

Eustis Street,	built of wood,
Centre Street,	“ “ “
Dudley Street,	“ “ “
Ruggles Street,	“ “ “
Jamaica Plain,	“ “ brick,
Spring Street,	“ “ wood.

SEVEN ENGINES, with Hose Carriages, suction and Leading Hose, with all the necessary apparatus attached to the same.

HOOKS AND LADDERS.

RESERVOIRS.

HAY SCALES. One on Eustis Street, and one on Jamaica Plain.

ALMSHOUSE. Built in 1832, of brick—and cost exclusive of land—
about \$ 17000 00

STOCK and UTENSILS attached to the Almshouse.

LAND. About eleven acres of Almshouse land—cost an annual payment of \$150 00, which commenced in 1832, and will cease in 1882.

LAND. Munroe Farm, (consisting of about twenty acres,) situated between Warren and Walnut Streets.

DWELLING HOUSE—on the Davis lot, leased for \$ 200 00

WHARF, at the Point, lets for 100 00

STREET LAMPS.

FLATS—about 70 acres in the empty basin.

BURIAL GROUNDS. Four—situated as follows: corner of Eustis and Washington Street ; near Warren Street ; Walter Street ; and Spring Street.

Town Treasurer's Account.

1846.

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Feb.	To cash paid 372 orders	62457 63
	“ balance on hand carried to new account	1657 42
		64115 05

CREDIT.

March 13.	By cash received for rent of Town Hall	5 00
17.	“ cash received for boarding Mrs. Cheney	26 00
June 21.	“ cash received of Nelson Curtis, rent of Watch House	15 00
28.	“ cash received of Chemical Company, rent of land	10 00
August 1.	“ cash received for boarding Mrs. Cheney	20 50
28.	“ cash received for income of Jamaica Plain hay scales	13 65
Oct. 16.	“ cash received for labor done at the Alms- house	2171 56
17.	“ cash received of the State, income of school fund	419 03
		2680 74
	Amount carried over,	2680 74

		Amount brought over,	2680 74
1846.			
Jan.	5.	" cash received of George B. Davis, rent of house	200 00
	31.	" cash received for labor done at the Alms-house	160 08
		" cash received for rent of Town Hall	60 00
		" cash received for Loam, &c., from the roads	114 77
		" cash received for labor, &c., at Alms-house	110 00
Feb.	3.	" cash received for fees for witnesses, &c., in Dover case	78 20
		" cash received of A. W. Newman, income of hay scales	69 07
		" cash received of R. Seaver, income of hay scales, Jamaica Plain	32 32
		" cash received for rent of Town wharf	100 00
		" cash received of the Town of Brookline	122 00
		" cash received of the Town of West Newbury	25 00
		" cash received for labor done at the Alms-house	50 00
		" cash received for rent of Markethouse	150 00
		" cash received from the Town of Brookline tax	44 16
		" cash received from the State for military services	524 00
		" cash received of the Town of Dorchester	7 00
		" cash borrowed of James Parker, to pay two notes due the past year	8000 00
		" cash received from Almshouse	90 00
		" Amount of tax committed to Joseph W. Dudley to collect, not including State and county tax	51497 71
			<hr/> 64115 05

SAMUEL GUILD, *Town Treasurer.*

ROXBURY, Feb. 21, 1846.

Selectmen's Report.

In view of presenting a plain statement of facts, in relation to the finances of the Town, we the undersigned submit the following Report :

1845.

March Cash pd People's Bank, bal. due at last audit	676 42
Grammar School	250 00
Powder for 4th of July	62 00
Military Services	524 00
Jos. W. Dudley, discount on taxes paid previous to 30th Sept. 1845	1681 38
Jos. W. Dudley, fees for collecting	1230 56
Jos. W. Dudley, in full for all abate- ments for 1845	1011 06
Expenses of Guide Boards	27 13
Principal and interest to Roxbury Savings Institution	1180 00
Estate of John Parker, note and interest	2120 00
Boston Provident Institution for Savings	1800 00
Estate of John Parker, note and int.	1300 00
Isaac Davis, interest	120 00
16th annual payment for alms house land	150 00
Boston Provident Institution for Savings	102 45
James Parker's note and interest	6360 00
Expenses of Fire Department	6709 07
Repairs of Bridges and Railings	951 91
Expenses of Reservoirs	648 38
Pay of Town Officers	1712 50
Oil and lighting lamps	594 75
Repairs of Town and Alms Houses	94 31
Repairs of Highways	6233 41
Contingent Expenses	2261 40
Schools and School Houses	17645 86
Support of the Poor and Teams	7011 04
County Tax	1632 02
State Tax	825 75
To cash on hand in the treasury, carried to new acc't.	1657 42
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	66572 82

Amount to receive for the support of State paupers, will
make the balance in the treasury about \$ 3000 00

CONTRA CR.

A statement of the Treasury, together with the several sums of money raised, the receipts, &c. to meet the current expenses for

1845. For pay of bal. due People's Bank 676 42

	Amount brought up	676 42
1845. For pay of Engine Co. No. 6, for services		100 00
One year's interest to Savings Institution, Boston, on 2276 75		102 45
One year's interest on 2000 00, to I. Davis		120 00
One year's interest and principal, to the estate of John Parker, on 5000 00		1300 00
One year's int. to the estate of John Parker on 2000 00		120 00
One year's int. to James Parker, on 6000 00		360 00
Amount voted to be borrowed to pay the estate of John Parker, a note for 2000 00, due Oct. 1, 1845; and James Parker's note of 6000 00, due Jan. 1, 1846		8000 00
One year's interest on 6000 00, due the Boston Provident Institution for Savings, and 1500 00 of the principal, (interest is reckoned at 6 per cent., it should be 5 <i>per cent</i>)		1860 00
One year's interest to Institution for savings in Roxbury, on 2000 00, and 1000 00 of the principal, due May 23, 1846		1120 00
16th annual payment of alms house land		150 00
Support of Poor, in addition to their earnings		2600 00
Repairs of Highways		5500 00
Repairs of Bridges and Railings		600 00
Pay of Town Officers		1400 00
Collector's Fees and Discounts for 1845		2600 00
Abatements of Taxes for 1845		650 00
Repairs of Engines, contingent Expenses, and pay of members of the Fire Depart't		6198 00
Powder for the 4th of July		62 00
Oil and lighting lamps		700 00
Int. to pay for over drafts at People's Bank		300 00
Instruction, &c. for Schools		17665 75
Repairs of Alms House and Town House		600 00
Contingent Expenses in addition to the in- come from the property of the town		600 00
Lamps and Posts		100 00
Guide Boards		100 00
Amount due School Teachers, May 1, 1846		2700 00
Institution for Savings in Roxbury May 23, 1845		1180 00
Town Treasurer, 1844		100 00
For Town Audit 1844-45		125 00
Reservoir in Roxbury street		500 00
Amount carried over		58189 62

	Amount brought over,	58189 62
1845.	For amount due pay of Grammar School	250 00
	Overplus in Casting Taxes	1058 09
	State Tax	825 75
	County Tax	1632 02
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		61955 48
	Am't of sundry receipts from different sources for which see Treasurer's account for particular items	4617 34
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		66572 82

In the statement which we have made, it will appear, that the whole amount paid out of the treasury, for the last financial year, has been \$ 64,915 40, to meet this demand there has been assessed upon the polls and estates, as follows :—

Whole number of polls, 3433, at 1 50 each	5149 50
Amount of valuation of Real and Personal	
Property \$ 9569800 00, at \$ 5 10	
on the \$ 1000 00, amounts to	48805 98
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Whole amount of tax	53955 48

The town also voted, that \$ 8000 00 be borrowed, to pay two notes of that amount due the past year, and added to this, is the amount received for rents, &c., of property belonging to the town, the income of the Massachusetts school fund, the amount from the Commonwealth for military services, making the whole amount which has been received into the treasury from all sources \$ 66,572 82, leaving a balance on hand in the treasury, of 1657 42. The sum due from the Commonwealth for the support of State paupers, which has not been received, but will be in a few days, would make the balance on hand about 3000 00.

It will be recollected at the last audit there was a deficit in the treasury, of 676 42; that has been paid, and the standing debt of the town reduced 3500 00, making the amount of the debt paid since last year 4176 42; this sum added to the amount on hand, and to receive, makes the difference better than last year 7176 42.

The debt of the town at the last audit amounted to 26,953 17; it now amounts to 22,776 75.

In regard to the several appropriations made by the town, that for schools is the largest, the sum being 17665 75, the amount expended has been 17645 86, with the income of the Massachusetts

school fund, which is credited to that account 419 03—would make the amount expended less then the appropriation 438 92.

The supervision of the schools, the repairs of school houses, and the building of new ones, have been wholly under the direction of the School Committee. Their report by a vote of the town is to be printed, and distributed among the inhabitants, previous to the annual meeting, in which you will have a full statement of the affairs of that department.

The expenses for the support of the poor in the Almshouse, and out of the house, has exceeded the appropriation made by the town, when the amount is received for the support of State paupers, about 300 00, having been increased by the great number of sick persons admitted into the house, the amount paid at the Insane Hospital, at Worcester, for the support of sundry insane persons belonging to the town 411 31, the advance on provisions, and the short crop of potatoes, (not raising more than half the usual quantity on the farm,) are some of the reasons why the expenses have been increased. A high fence has been built the past year, which encloses the yard and makes more secure those who are admitted into the house; other improvements have been made, and the labor has been done by the inmates. The house is well conducted, and managed agreeable to the rules and regulations of the town, and is kept clean, and will bear examination. The report of the Physician of the Almshouse which has been submitted to us, and which is full of the particulars relative to the medical department, we have printed for the information of the town.

The contingent expenses of the town, as they are charged in the account, amount to \$2261 40, and the appropriation of \$600 00, together with the overplus in casting taxes, and the usual receipts which are credited, make the amount \$2850 49, leaving a balance unexpended of 589 09.

The expenses of the Fire Department has been increased the past year, the town having voted to pay each member a specific sum for his services; and also to furnish an additional quantity of new Hose: The whole amount expended has been 6,709 07—the amount voted by the town 6,298 00, thereby expending over the appropriation 411 07. All the Engines and apparatus are in excellent order, and most of the companies are well manned, and are ready to do their duty promptly; with good order and discipline in the department.

The report of the Chief Engineer, and the estimate of expenses

for the coming year, we have thought proper to print entire, showing the estimate for each company which is calculated to defray the expenses of the department the ensuing year.

The town voted for the repairs of highways, the sum of 5500 00. It was divided as follows:—to the upper section 900 00—to the middle section 900 00—and the lower section 3700 00. It will be seen by the accounts, which are submitted, that the sum of 618 64 has been expended over the appropriation, making the whole sum expended on the highways 6118 64, not including the several sums received of sundry individuals. 235 90 of the excess has been expended in the lower section, which has been caused by the expense of Water Street, and the making of the new street called Williams Street—the last repairs on Water Street, the town voted a special appropriation, which has not been brought into this account; the balance of the excess 382 74, was expended in the middle district, the increased expense was caused by drilling and blowing, and taking a large rock from the highway.

The expense of bridges has been increased; the reason of which is, that it was found necessary to build a stone arch bridge in the middle district, near the toll gate, at a cost of 331 91, which we believe is well done, and will be secure for many years.

A suit was commenced by the town of Dover, against the town of Roxbury, about a year since, on account of a person (a female) whose legal settlement it was alleged, was in the town of Roxbury. A bill was filed against the town, for about one hundred dollars, for expenses for her support at sundry times; there was no dispute in relation to the bill, provided her settlement was in Roxbury. The plaintiffs in the case contended that it was; that as her father's settlement was in Roxbury at the time when she became of age, the settlement was gained in the Town of Roxbury, and never gained in her own right any where else—the case was defended, on the ground that the person at the time she became of age, was with her father in Roxbury, but being unfortunate and not capable, from a defect of intellect, of taking care of herself, was considered the same as a minor child, and followed the settlement of her father; he at the time of his decease had gained a settlement in Dover, and therefore her settlement was in Dover. The case was decided at the Court of Common Pleas, at Dedham, in April last, in favor of the Town of Roxbury; therefore, forever settling the question that her settlement is not in Roxbury, but in Dover. She being a feeble person, it no doubt will cost considerable, annually, to support her.

With the usual perseverance and promptness of our Collector, and the readiness of the tax payers, we have been enabled to settle in full for the whole amount of the tax, thereby giving us an opportunity to balance all our accounts, and show the true statement of the finances of the town.

The census of the town was taken by us in August last, at the request of sundry persons ; and the

Whole number of males was	6,997
“ “ of females was	6,932
Making the whole number	<hr/> 13,929

Guide Boards have been erected throughout the town, where in our opinion they were needed, and the public convenience required, agreeable to a law of the Commonwealth.

Having presented the facts in relation to the transaction of the town business, the several appropriations as they have been expended and distributed among the different departments ; and as we have endeavored to give the true information relative to all its financial concerns, it remains for you to examine them carefully, and in your future action, to correct the errors in the direction that you may give for the transaction of the business, and promote the welfare and prosperity of all concerned.

All which is submitted, respectfully,

JOSEPH W. TUCKER,
MICHAEL WHITTEMORE, JR.
JOHN FOWLE,
WILLIAM WHITING,
GEORGE B. DAVIS.

Roxbury, February 23, 1846.

Products and Branches of Industry.

Statistics of the condition and products of certain branches of industry in the Town of Roxbury, for the year ending April 1st, 1845, as taken by us, the Assessors, under an act of the Legislature of 1845.

	Value.	Capital.	Males employed.	Females employed.
One Carpet Manufactory.—280,000 lbs. of wool consumed; 200,000 yds. of carpeting manufactured,.....	\$ 120000	75000	100	60
Two Manufactories of Worsted Goods.—124,300 lbs. of yarn,.....	25175		10	20
One Hosiery Manufactory. — Hosiery manufactured,	800		2	
One Manufactory for Silk and Worsted Fringe and Tassels. — Value of merchandise,	15000	6000	15	45
Three Rolling, Slitting and Nail Mills.—3,766,143 lbs. of iron manufactured,...	125000	100000	240	
4,274,600 lbs. of nails manufactured, ..	160000			
Eighteen Forges including Shops.—119 tons of Bar Iron, and other articles of Wrought Iron manufactured.....	46600	15500	60	
One Furnace for the manufacture of Hollow Ware and other Castings.—1,350 tons,.....	45000	25000	50	
Two Manufactories for Steam Engines and Boilers,.....	15800	6000	9	
One Manufactory for Fire Engines.—28 Engines manufactured,.....	25000		24	
One Manufactory for Butts and Hinges.—23,500 doz. manufactured,.....	4300	3000	16	
One Brass Foundry.—Articles manuf'd.	3000	2000	2	
Three Starch Manufactories.—1,360,000 lbs. of Starch from flour,.....	68000	12000	12	
Three Manufactories for Chemical Preparations.—Merchandise manufact'd...	90000	50500	29	
Four Establishments for Staining and Stamping Paper. — Paper finished, 91,800 Rolls,.....	14500		13	
One Clock Manufactory.—Fifteen Clocks manufactured,	150		1	
Seven Saddle, Harness and Trunk Manufactories.—Articles manufactured,...	5150	1450	11	
One Upholstery manuf'ty.—Merchandise,	20000	10000	15	
One Hat and Cap manufactory.—1,872 hats and caps manufactured,.....	3872	400	2	

Amount carried over,

\$27327 306850 611 125

	Value.	Capital.	Males. employed.	Females employed.
Amount brought over,	\$ 827327	306850	611	125
Four Cordage manufactories.—2,155 tons cordage manufactured,	370000	246000	174	
Six manufact's of Railroad Cars, Coaches, Chaises and other vehicles,	31300	9250	41	
Five Soap and Tallow man's.—1,283,600 lbs, hard and soft soap man'd,	63280	23500	31	
170,000 lbs. candles,	15100			
One man'y of Firearms.—Arms man'd, ..	800	500	2	
One establishment for the manufacture of Cannon, just commenced.—30 steel and iron cannon and carriages for the same manufactured,	15000	100000	22	
Eight Chair and Cabinet man's.—Articles manufactured,	56000	23700	70	
Five Tin Ware man's.—Ware man'd, ..	2000	650	9	
One man'y Sheet Lead and Pipe, White Lead and other Paints.—400 tons of sheet lead and pipe manufactured,	48000			
200 tons of white lead,	24000	100000	54	
50 tons red lead, 40 tons litharge, 12 tons chrome yellow,	19200			
Two Glue man's and for the preparation of Gums.—Glue and gums man'd,	23000	5000	8	
Nine Bakeries.—13,000 bbls. flour man'd, value of bread made,	124500	20000	54	
Sixteen Tanneries and Currier's establish- ments.—228,300 hides and skins tanned and curried,	287000	108000	112	
12,305 pairs of Boots man'd ; 82,275 pairs of Shoes man'd,	88692		82	34
5,900,000 Bricks man'd,	29800		77	
Stone quarried and prepared,	17500		34	
Blocks and Pumps man'd,	1800		6	
Two soap, fish and candle Box man's.— 60,000 boxes manufactured,	9000		14	
One Turpentine and Rosin man'y.—900 bbls. spirits of turpentine ; 3,000 bbls. of rosin,	15600		4	
1,200 Barrels man'd,	1200		2	
150 Hogsheads man'd,	450			
One Distillery.—240,000 galls. rum man'd	72000		3	
Looking glass Frames, Sashes and Blinds man'd,	20000		17	
Two Breweries.—6000 bbls. beer brewed,	34000		9	
One patent Corslet man'y.—Articles man.	2500		2	
One Oakum man'y ; 300,000 lbs. of oak- um man'd,	24000	10000	16	
Amount carried over,	2193069	963450	1454	159

	Value.	Capital.	Males. employed.	Females employed.
Amount brought over,	2193069	963450	1454	159
100 tons Jerked Beef prepared,.....	6000	15000		
100,000 lbs. tried Tallow man'd,.....	6000			
50 tons Sizing,	2500			
2,400 galls. Neats Foot Oil man'd,.....	1700			
100,000 Shinbones,.....	1200			
6000 bushels Bone Manure,.....	1400			
One India Rubber man'y ; 24 tons rubber used ; 31,000 yds. man'd.....	5000		5	
Knit Goods and Yarn man'd,.....	30000		50	
165 cords Fire Wood prepared,.....	815			
	2247684	978450	1509	159

Value of Oil, Coal and Wood, consumed in manufactories.

2,028 galls. Sperm Oil	1820 00
10,000 galls. Whale Oil	4000 00
10,692 galls. other Oil	6375 00
5,021 tons of Anthracite Coal	30000 00
3,500 chaldrons foreign Bituminous Coal	24500 00
Wood	2105 00
	68800 00

Synopsis of Goods manufactured.

Value of Articles manufactured	\$2,247,684
Amount of Capital invested	978,450
Number of Males employed	1509
Number of Females employed	159
Value of Oil, Coal and Wood used in manufactures	\$68,800

1,098 Horses, value	90444 00
873 Neat Cattle	24863 00
1451 Swine	12146 00
3686 bush. Indian Corn or Maize, valued	2201 00
974 " Rye	759 00
381 " Barley	227 00
350 " Oats	157 00
47378 " Potatoes	18951 00
76381 " other esculent Vegetables	35149 00
3547 tons of Hay	53205 00
37821 bush. of Fruit raised	30822 00
1405 pounds of Butter	286 00
239050 galls. of Milk	23905 00

We have thought proper to print the preceding statistical information, believing it might be interesting to some. Although many parts of it must necessarily be very imperfect, yet we have endeavored to be as accurate as possible, and present the facts as near the truth as we could obtain them, from the persons who would necessarily give us the information.

JOSEPH W. TUCKER,	} <i>Assessors of Roxbury.</i>
MICHAEL WHITTEMORE, JR.	
JOHN FOWLE,	
WILLIAM WHITING,	
GEORGE B. DAVIS,	

Roxbury, February 23, 1846.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Roxbury.

GENTLEMEN :

In accordance with your request, the following brief Report of the Medical Department of the Almshouse, for the year ending this day, is respectfully submitted.

By reference to the report presented to you on the 31st of Jan. 1845, it will be seen that there were in the Almshouse, at that date, 22 inmates requiring constant or occasional treatment. These will be found in their appropriate places in the subjoined table.

During the past year, including the above-mentioned, there have been 103 Hospital patients. Of these, 57 were sick on admission—equal to one third of all admitted, exclusive of “transient comers,” or those who remained less than two nights.

The greatest number of sick at any one time was 27 ; the least 8. Of the whole number of inmates the greatest number was 87 ; the least 70. Thus it appears that there were sick at once, more than a fourth of the household.

Two diseases of more than ordinary concern, have been brought into the house during the year.

In May last, a number of Irish emigrants arrived in town, from shipboard, afflicted with the typhus fever of Great Britain, known under the various titles of Camp, Jail, or Ship Fever. This disease differs in many respects from the typhoid fever of New England. It is considered highly contagious in crowded places, and often spreads with alarming rapidity. Ten cases were admitted into the house. The majority of the patients, at the time of admission, were in a state of stupid and muttering delirium. Two died within 48 hours ; the others recovered. Every attention was paid to the sick, and

all precautions taken to prevent a spread of the disease. Fortunately it was not communicated to any of the inmates.

In November, the small pox was brought to the house. As soon as the patient was seen, he was immediately separated from the rest; and 43 inmates, who had been exposed, or had not been previously protected, were immediately vaccinated. But the disease had been already communicated; and six others were subsequently taken sick. Two of these died; at the ages of 67 and 73. They had slept in the room with the first patient, and had not been protected by previous vaccination. In them, the vaccine disease progressed with the small pox, and, as this was not of the severest type, they would probably have recovered, were it not for advanced age, and constitutions previously shattered by intemperance and disease. It may be worth while to mention that the oldest inmate, Wm. Duff, supposed to be 102 years old, passed through the disease, and regained his accustomed good health. The further spread of the disease was arrested by vaccination, without sickness, or inconvenience to the vaccinated—giving further proof, if any were needed, that vaccination is the surest and safest, if not an infallible, preservative against small pox.

There have been quite a number of cases of typhoid fever; and also of the measles, for which reference may be had to the table.

The number of insane has increased—amounting to 15 during the year; of these, 4 have been sent to Worcester, 3 removed by friends, 2 deserted; leaving 6 now in the house. The accommodations for the care and treatment of the insane are very insufficient; and in no department of the house is a more thorough change needed than in this. At present, temporary shelter and security, are all that can be afforded, and these only very imperfectly. The subject was brought to your notice in the last report, and it is again urged upon your serious attention.

There have been 5 births in the house during the year; and 14 have died; of the latter, 8 were brought in in a hopeless condition, merely to have a resting place in their last moments.

Through all the trying scenes of the past year, the untiring energy and zealous faithfulness to the sick of the Superintendent and his family have been worthy of all praise. Regardless of personal risk or sacrifice, they have devoted their time and strength to the relief of suffering, in kindness and sympathy, and not a single pang has been endured which they could alleviate. Saying thus much is an act of simple justice, cheerfully performed.

By the above outline it will be seen that the admissions of the sick and feeble, have increased in a rapid ratio during the past year; being in fact more than 50 per cent. greater than the year previous. Should such increase continue, accommodations will soon be wanting. Even now there is too much crowding together of the sick and well in the same apartments.

The past year has been one of prosperity to the Town; yet with the increase of population comes an increase of sickness and want.

Should adversity overtake, or even threaten with its palsying hand, or more especially should any epidemic prevail among the poor, the numbers seeking shelter and relief in the Almshouse, would be greatly augmented. While every effort is made to prevent the increase of healthy inmates, who is there who would deprive sickness of a refuge in the hour of need, embittered many fold by penury and want?

For such and similar reasons, the propriety of erecting a building for the sick exclusively, is earnestly submitted for your careful consideration. One might be placed adjoining or near the present house, and be under the charge of the same superintendent. Suitable provisions, so much needed, could then be made for the insane; and when contagious diseases were brought in, such patients could be entirely separated from others; and the sick generally would be made more comfortable, their complaints more easily removed, and the expense proportionably diminished. It is as yet merely a question of *how well* the sick poor, who daily call for care and support, shall be provided for, but the time is not far distant when some such plan will be indispensable. The want of a hospital building, separated from the house, has several times been severely felt during the past year; and is it not the part of wisdom, of common prudence rather, to make a better preparation for the future?

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

B. E. COTTING.

ROXBURY, Jan. 31, 1846.

Physician to the Almshouse.

ROXBURY ALMSHOUSE.

- Summary.

Whole number sick,										103
Recovered.	{	Discharged	25,	{	. . . . .	51			
	{	Remain	26,	}						
Relieved . . . . .	. . . . .	7,	{	Discharged	10				
Not relieved . . . . .	. . . . .	3,	}						
Under constant, or occasional treatment	}	. . . . .			13				
Insane.	{	to Worcester	4,	{	Removed	7,	15		
		by friends	3,		Deserted	2,				
									Remain	6,
Dead.	{	Inmates	6,	{	. . . . .	14			
	{	Others	8,	}						

Recovered	No.	Age.	Occupation.	Country.	Habits.	Disorder.	Discharged from the House.
	1	62	weaver	Ireland	intemp.	bronchitis	
	2	65	labourer	England	"	dysuria	
	3	40	servant	Mass.	temp.	bronchitis	
	4	48	labourer	Ireland	intemp.	"	
	5	56	"	"	"	"	
	6	46	"	"	"	necrosis, elbow	
	7	29	"	"	temp.	burns	
	8	20	"	"	"	ship fever	
	9	23	"	"	"	"	
	10	14	"	"	"	"	
	11	12	"	"	"	"	
	12	22	"	"	"	"	
	13	58	"	"	"	"	
	14	28	"	"	"	"	
	15	24	"	"	"	"	
	16	58	"	"	intemp.	debility, &c.	
	17	40	"	France	not known	typhoid fever	
	18	79	vagrant	America	"	sprained ankle	
	19	7		"		ulcer	
	20	36	labourer	Germany	intemp.	delirium trem's	
	21	25	servant	Ireland	temp.	typhoid fever	
	22	31	labourer	"	intemp.	sprained ankle	
	23	30	"	Roxbury	"	delirium trem's	
	24	50	"	Ireland	"	abscess	
	25	38	"	"	"	delirium trem's	
	26	42	servant	Roxbury	temp.	typhoid fever	
	27	30	labourer	Ireland	intemp.	syphilis	
	28	2		"		measles	
	29	25	servant	"	intemp.	dysentery	
	30	25	"	America	temp.	measles	
	31	75	labourer	Ireland	intemp.	diarrhœa	
	32	7		Roxbury		measles	
	33	5		"		"	
	34	34	labourer	Ireland	intemp.	dysuria	
	35	73		"	reformed	diarrhœa	
	36	5		"		measles	
	37	45	blacksmith	England	intemp.	abscess	
	38	7		Ireland		"	
	39	63	labourer	Germany	not known	typhoid fever	
	40	82		Roxbury	"	diarrhœa	
	41	17	labourer	"	temp.	debility	
	42	50	"	"	intemp.	small pox	
	43	40	blacksmith	"	"	"	
	44	49	labourer	"	"	"	
	45	32	"	"	"	"	
	46	102		"	temp.	"	
	47	37	servant	Ireland	intemp.	childbirth	
	48	39		"	"	"	
	49	25	servant	"	not known	"	
	50	27	"	"	"	"	
	51	30	"	"	"	"	

	No.	Age.	Occupation.	Country.	Habits.	Disorder.	
Relieved.	52	52	servant	America	temperate	nervous fits	Discharg- ed from the House
	53	50	"	Ireland	"	convulsive fits	
	54	34	"	America	intemp.	vomiting, &c.	
Not rel'd	55	35	servant	Ireland	unknown	V. V. fistula	
	56	30	"	"	temperate	blenorrhœa	
	57	53	labourer	"	intemp.	debility of stom	
Now under treatment.	58	38	servant	"	temperate	epileptic fits	
	59	45	laborer	America	"	rheumatism	
	60	40	carpenter	Mass.	intemp.	sec'ry syphilis	
Insane.	61	38	labourer	Ireland	"	inflamed eyes	
	62	67	currier	America	temperate	ulcers	Worces- ter.
	63	47	chandler	"	"	"	
Admit'd in a hopeless condition	64	37	mason	Ireland	intemp.	"	
	65	33	labourer	America	"	inflamed eyes	
	66	50	"	Ireland	"	"	
Inmates.	67	51	"	"	temperate	"	
	68	40	"	"	not known	abdominal tum.	
	69	78	"	America	"	rheumatic p'ns.	
Deserted.	70	24	labourer	Ireland	temperate	scald	
	71	26	"	"	"	fever	
	72	30	shoemak'r	France	intemp.	sec. syphilis	by friends
Insane.	73	38	servant	Roxbury	temperate	nervous	
	74	72	distiller	"	intemp.	constirpa'n, etc	
	75	24	labourer	Ireland	not known	insane	
Deserted.	76	42	"	Mass.	temperate	"	
	77	46	"	"	intemp.	"	
	78	30	"	Ireland	not known	"	
Insane.	79	40	nurse	England	"	"	
	80	50	serv't	America	temperate	"	
	81	30	"	"	not known	"	
Deserted.	82	30	serv't	Ireland	temperate	"	
	83	24	labourer	America	not known	"	
	84	50	"	Ireland	temperate	"	DIED.
Insane.	85	19	serv't	"	"	"	
	86	35	"	"	"	"	
	87	64	"	Roxbury	"	"	
Deserted.	88	28	labourer	Ireland	"	"	
	89	50	tailor	Germany	intemp.	"	
	90	5 m	"	America	"	bronchitis	
Insane.	91	87	tailor	"	temperate	old age	
	92	91	"	"	"	"	
	93	21	labourer	"	"	typhoid fever	Feb. 1, 1845
Deserted.	94	67	"	"	intemp.	small pox	
	95	73	"	"	"	"	
	96	35	"	"	"	consumption	
Insane.	97	45	"	Germany	temperate	lead disease	
	98	32	"	Scotland	intemp.	consumption	
	99	55	"	Ireland	temperate	ship fever	
Deserted.	100	25	"	"	"	"	
	101	35	"	"	"	dropsy	
	102	18	"	"	"	typhoid fever	
Insane.	103	48	"	America	"	scrofula	
							Jan. 22, 1846

To the Selectmen of the Town of Roxbury.

GENTLEMEN :

At a Meeting of the Board of Engineers of the Roxbury Fire Department, on Friday evening, Jan. 30, 1846,—it was agreed, to recommend that the following sums of money be appropriated for the use of the Department, for the year 1846-7.

Engine Co. No. 1.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	50 00	
	50 Men at 10 00	500 00	
	Sundries asked for in their report	68 50	673 50

Engine Co. No. 2.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	50 00	
	50 Men at 10 00	500 00	
	Sundries asked for in their report	20 50	625 50

Engine Co. No. 3.	Pay of Foreman	12 00	
	Assistant Foreman	9 00	
	Clerk	12 00	
	Steward	35 00	
	35 Men at 6 00	210 00	278 00

Engine Co. No. 4.	Pay of Foreman	12 00	
	Assistant Foreman	9 00	
	Clerk	12 00	
	Steward	40 00	
	50 Men a 6 00	300 00	
	Sundries asked for in their report	70 00	443 00

Engine Co. No. 5.	Pay of Foreman	9 00	
	Assistant Foreman	6 00	
	Clerk	9 00	
	Steward	30 00	
	35 Men at 4 00	140 00	
	Sundries asked for in their report	220 00	414 00

Amount carried over, 2434 00

		Amount brought over,	2434 00
Engine Co. No. 6.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	50 00	
	50 Men at 10 00	500 00	
	Sundries asked for by the Co.	25 00	630 00
Engine Co. No. 7.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	50 00	
	50 Men at 10 00	500 00	
	Sundries asked for by Company	5 00	610 00
Hook & Ladder Co.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	25 00	
	25 Men at 10 00	250 00	330 00
Engineers.	Pay of Chief Engineer	100 00	
	Six Assistants at 20 00	120 00	
	Secretary	15 00	235 00
N. B. It was voted to request the Selectmen to ask the Town at the next March meeting, for liberty to pay <i>each</i> Assistant Engineer 20 00 per year, instead of the present unequal pay.			
Reservoirs.	For one on Jamaica Plain	500 00	
	Highlands	500 00	1000 00
Contingent Fund.	Contingencies for 1846-7		800 00
			<hr/> 6039 00

It will be seen by the above, that the wants of the Engine Companies this year are generally small. With the exception of No. 5, at Spring street, they need and should have immediately 300 feet of Hose; they have but 250 feet at the present time, and a part of that is very poor and totally unfit for hard service.

The Engines, Hooks and Ladders, and other apparatus belonging to the Department are in good condition, and have well organized and efficient companies attached to them, with the exception of

Engine No. 7, situated on Ruggles street. There is good reason to believe, that on or before the first of May, there will be found a sufficient number of men, who will feel disposed to form themselves into a company, and take charge of that noble Engine.

There have been fourteen fires the past year, and seven false alarms; the whole amount of property destroyed has been nearly or quite *one hundred and thirty thousand dollars*, and insured for about *eighty thousand*. The Board of Engineers have asked in their report, that the sum of 500 00 be appropriated for a reservoir on Jamaica Plain, to hold from fifteen to twenty thousand gallons, to be located near Green street; they also ask for the further sum of 500 00, for the same purpose on the Highlands. The population of both these places, is at the present time large, and increasing rapidly, and they think this subject should be attended to, and the appropriations made, and the work commenced as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

EDWIN LEMIST, *Chief Engineer*.

Estimate of Moneys necessary for the Current Expenses of the Town of Roxbury, for 1846-7.

One year's interest to Savings Institution in Boston, on \$ 2276 05	102 45
One year's interest to Isaac Davis, on 2000 00	120 00
One year's interest to Estate of John Parker, on 4000 00 and 1000 00 of the principal	1240 00
One year's interest to James Parker, on 8000 00	440 00
One year's interest to Savings Institution in Roxbury, on 2000 00 and 1000 00 of the principal	1120 00
One year's interest to Savings Institution in Boston, 4500 00 and 1500 00 of the principal	1725 00
17th annual payment for Almshouse land	150 00
Support of the Poor in addition to their earnings	3000 00
Repairs of the Highways	6000 00
Repairs of Bridges and Railings	800 00
Pay of Town Officers	1800 00
Collector's Fees and Discounts, for 1846	2800 00
Abatement of Taxes, for 1846	1000 00
Repairs of Engines, contingent expenses of the Fire Department, pay of Engineers, Stewards and Members	5039 00
Powder for 4th July, 1846	62 00
Oil and Lighting Lamps	800 00
Probable amount of Interest to be paid People's Bank for 1846, for overdrafts, before Taxes are paid in	350 00
Instruction, etc., for Schools, and repairs of School Houses	15000 00
Repairs of Town and Almshouse	600 00
Contingent Expenses in addition to receipts for rents, &c.	600 00
Lamps and Posts 100 00; Guide Boards, &c., 100 00	200 00
Annual Payment to Roxbury Grammar School	250 00
Amount due Town Treasurer for 1846	100 00
Amount due for Town Audit, 1845-6	175 00
Reservoirs	1000 00
Amount borrowed to pay for repairs on Water Street, as per vote	500 00
Sum necessary to be raised,	<hr/> 44973 45

The above estimate includes \$ 3,500 of the principal of the Town debt, which is paid annually by vote of the Town; and the interest on the whole debt, amounting to 1187 47.

The expenses of the Fire Department is put down as estimated by the Board of Engineers, the compensation of members (providing the companies are full,) and such contingent expenses as they have asked for, make up the amount.

Of Reservoirs, the Engineers have recommended two, at a cost

of five hundred dollars each, which we have put into the estimate. We trust that in no way can money be expended more judiciously, and be a greater preventive against large fires, than by building a number of Reservoirs every year, until they are located in every part of the Town where they are needed.

The estimate for the current expenses for the repairs of Highways is put down five hundred dollars more than last year. We believe it will all be wanted to keep the roads in a condition satisfactory to the people.

The estimate for Schools is about the same as was expended last year, not including the new school house, which was built in Orange Street. The estimate will be made up by the School Committee, and exhibited in their Report; and will probably be increased by the building of new school houses.

For the support of the Poor we have made up the estimate four hundred dollars more than last year. It will be seen that the expenses are increasing, and this is owing to the increase of foreign paupers. Whilst *they* have increased, those belonging to our own town have diminished. There is now only fifteen persons supported in the Almshouse who belong to the town; and very few of our own citizens are aided or supported out of the house: the smallest number for many years. In the distribution of charity among that class of persons, (foreigners,) we endeavor to scrutinize the cases closely, for we are aware there is danger of being deceived; and if not careful, may be encouraging those, and increasing the number of paupers who would rather depend upon charity for their whole support, than upon any exertions of their own. The other sums which we have placed in the estimate, are for the ordinary expenses, as near as we can calculate them, for the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

JOSEPH W. TUCKER,	} Selectmen of Roxbury.
MICHAEL WHITTEMORE, Jr.,	
JOHN FOWLE,	
WILLIAM WHITING,	
GEORGE B. DAVIS,	

ROXBURY, Feb. 23, 1846.

**Synopsis of General and Special Appropriations by vote of
the town, including sundry Receipts, with a State-
ment of Expenditures for 1845-46.**

	Appropriations and Receipts	Expended	Less Appropriations and Receipts.	Over Appropriations and Receipts.
For one year's int. on 2276 75 to Boston Savings Institution.....	102 45	102 45		
“ “ “ 2000 to Isaac Davis...	120 00	120 00		
“ “ “ 5000 and 1000 principal to the estate of John Parker, and note in full due the estate of John Parker...	1300 00	1300 00		
“ “ “ and note in full due James Parker.....	2120 00	2120 00		
“ “ “ on 3000 and 1000 principal to the Institution for Savings in Roxbury.....	6360 00	6360 00		
“ “ “ on 6000 and 1500 of the principal to Boston Provident Institution for Savings..	1180 00	1180 00		
Sixteenth annual payment of Almshouse land...	1800 00	1800 00		
Pay for Grammar School.....	150 00	150 00		
Powder for 4th July, 1845.....	250 00	250 00		
Military Services for 1845.....	62 00	62 00		
Guide Boards, &c.....	524 00	524 00		
Expenses of Fire Department.....	100 00	27 13	72 87	
Services of Engine Co. No. 6.....	6198 00	6609 07		411 07
Repairs of Bridges and Railings.....	100 00	100 00		
Reservoirs.....	600 00	951 91		351 91
Pay of Town Officers.....	500 00	648 38		148 38
For oil and lighting lamps, and for posts.....	1500 00	1712 50		212 50
Balance due the People's Bank.....	800 00	594 75	205 25	
Repairs of Highways.....	676 42	676 42		
Contingent expenses.....	5614 77	6233 41		618 64
Repairs of Alms House and Town House.....	2850 49	2261 40	589 09	
Pay of school teachers, rep. of school houses, &c.....	600 00	94 31	505 69	
Support of Poor in addition to their earnings; sundry receipts for labor, teams, &c.....	18084 78	17645 86	438 92	
Abatements, fees, and discounts.....	5392 14	7011 04		1618 90
School teachers, due May, 1846.....	3250 00	3923 00		673 00
Amount due Roxbury Savings Institution, May 23, 1846, \$1120, over app'n \$60.....	2700 00		2700 00	
Tax to the Commonwealth, 1845.....	1180 00		1180 00	
Tax to the County, 1845.....	825 75	1632 02		
Amount on hand in the Treasury, to balance..	1632 02	825 75		
		1657 42		1657 42
	66572 82	66572 82	5691 82	5691 82

When the amount is received for the support of State Paupers for 1845, the balance on hand will be about \$3,000.

Report of the Board of Directors of the
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ROXBURY:
FOR THE YEAR 1845-6.

For a detailed account of the School expenses for the municipal year now closing, we refer our fellow citizens to the Auditors' Report. It is gratifying to find that we have kept within the appropriation, with a balance of \$ 19 89 in favor of the Town Treasury. There remains in the Treasury the further sum of \$ 419 03, received from the State Treasurer, which sum, in former years, has usually been expended for schools in addition to the appropriations.

A new School House has been built on Orange street. There are now two excellent schools in it,—there are none better in the town. That house was not provided too soon. It was opened for use in September last, and before it had been occupied a fortnight, some of the Committee were called in to decide what should be done with children who applied for admittance, and could not be received on account of overflowing numbers. That difficulty has been arranged for the present, and we shall not recommend the building of any more school houses in that quarter of the Town this year.

The lower hall of the new Dudley School House has been furnished this year, and now accommodates 120 pupils. One of the rooms in the old building is unoccupied. It is likely to be wanted in the course of the coming year; and if so, it will be necessary to refurnish it. The old seats and desks, having been long in use, and having undergone several removals from house to house, are inconvenient, dilapidated and shabby. We shall not make a separate item of this in our estimate appended to this Report. Some other repairs are necessary on that building, and our estimate for general repairs must be made large enough to cover the expense. We may remark here that the Dudley School fully maintains its former high character. Taking all its departments into view, its affairs have perhaps at no period been conducted more efficiently,

smoothly and successfully than now. It is a source of gratification to us, that this school has been the subject of high commendation from gentlemen residing elsewhere.

The Washington School has now about 500 pupils. Some additional accommodations are required there. The Committee have discussed the subject much and anxiously. We have concluded that it is best to furnish and fit up the remaining basement room. It will seat 100 boys, and cost, say, \$700. We have concluded further, that the comfort and welfare of that school require an addition of four recitation-rooms, to be put up in a new building, against the rear of the main building, and opening into the two upper halls—the new structure to be 40 feet by 17 on the ground. Those two halls, with 200 boys and three or four teachers in each, need some outlet. The inevitable din and confusion incident to having three or four recitations going on at once, in the same room, is becoming intolerable, and there must be some relief provided. There must be some extra room for such large numbers. It is not for the health of the teachers or the children, that they should be crammed into the smallest possible space. They must have breathing places, and change of air occasionally,—and get a little out of the sound of one another's voices.

Recitation rooms, such as we propose, which the several classes would occupy in alternation, are the best, cheapest and healthiest means, that we have been able to devise, to meet the want. We will not argue the matter in detail. Our citizens will readily see, that an institution like the Washington School, greater *as to numbers* than any college in the country, cannot be comfortably put into a nutshell, nor maintained for a song. The basement of the proposed new structure is wanted to afford room for two furnaces large enough to warm the whole school house. The cellar is shallow with a rock bottom, and will not admit furnaces large enough to heat the whole house. The present ones, though too small for their purpose, reach up to the floor, and have twice set it on fire recently.

All these proposed improvements in the Washington school house, will cost about \$3000. We have been reluctant to add so much to the cost of that already costly building. The only suitable inquiry for us in the premises has been this,—In what manner can past expenditures be turned to the best present account, and made most available for the financial and educational interests of the town in future years? Our conclusion is such as we have stated,—namely,

to add \$ 3000 to those expenditures. When this has been done, there will be nothing more to do for that building, beyond the ordinary annual repairs; and when the number of pupils has risen above 600, which may be the case in two or three years, it will be necessary to establish a new school on another spot.

The Washington School, as to its internal condition, sustains its hitherto very respectable character. It would not shun a comparison with the average of schools of the same grade in the City or elsewhere. It has some classes not surpassed by any in this town. Taking all its divisions into view, it stands below the Dudley School. It is not superior to the Central or Westerly. But this is no disparagement. It is worthy of the confidence of our people. The Committee have made some new internal arrangements, from which, in connexion with the external ones now recommended, they confidently anticipate results that will place this school in the very highest order of excellence.

It was intimated in the Report of last year, that two new Primary School Houses would soon be wanted. The time has come. One should be situated on or near Mount Pleasant, and the other not far from the intersection of Cedar street and the Dedham Turnpike. They should be of two stories, though only one room in each may be required for immediate use. The two houses, it is estimated, may cost \$ 6000. Each house will probably cost \$ 250 more than similar structures have cost in past years on account of the rise in the price of land.

The Committee have nothing further to recommend for the extension of our School accommodations this year. We do not advise that any portion of the sums necessary to prepare the new buildings should be raised by loan, or otherwise than by immediate taxation, because the expenditure must be regarded as *ordinary*, and only such as the town will be liable to every year, on an average, in future. Some years, less will be required, and some years, more; but if the town continues to prosper and grow as it now does, a sum of from \$ 5,000 to 10,000, we think will be needed annually, taking one year with another, for new school houses. We suppose it is a well-settled principle, in this town, that all persons between the ages of four and sixteen, desiring the means of good instruction, in comfortable and healthy school houses, and at the public expense, shall have it, cost what it may. It costs a good deal in consequence of great and rapid increase in the numbers of

that class of persons. We foresee no end to that growing cost. Nothing short of a war with England, bringing devastation and ruin, or some similar unforeseen calamity, which shall prostrate the business of the country, can mitigate these annual burdens. It is said that war with England is very unlikely to occur, and that peace and prosperity will continue to be our lot, and if so there is no escape from increased taxation for schools; unless, indeed, we abandon our principle of having good schools, and having them open and free to all classes,—a thing more unlikely than war itself. The growth of the town has been great, and one disagreeable consequence has been an increased expenditure for schools; another consequence has been a rise in the value of our lands, from \$ 100 per acre to ten, twenty, and thirty cents per foot, and this is not so disagreeable—a sufficient offset perhaps to the aforementioned evil. We must bear the burden, and we have reason to do it cheerfully and thankfully.

An Abstract published by the Board of Education, shows how much money each town in the State paid last year for every child within its limits between the ages of four and sixteen. Roxbury pays \$ 4,49. There are thirteen towns that pay more,—Somerville, Brookline, Boston, Chelsea, Medford, Brighton, Charlestown, N. Braintree, Dedham, Lowell, Watertown, Milton and Dorchester. We are not ambitious of paying more per head than the neighboring towns. We do wish to have at least as good schools as any of them, and if we can manage our finances so as to have them cheaper, so much the better for us. Our appropriations are large and liberal. The more liberal appropriations of other towns will not tempt us to increase ours any faster than is absolutely necessary. Our chief concern should be, not to pay more money than others, but to get our money's worth.

The town has a certain connexion with the 'Trustees' Grammar School. It is a Classical School, such as the law makes it necessary for the town to have. Its present management and condition are in the highest degree satisfactory to this Committee. For several years the town, by agreement, paid \$ 500 annually towards its support. Last year half that sum was found to be sufficient. The Trustees have no interests separate from those of the citizens generally. They do not accumulate their income. Their school supplies a want not otherwise provided for in the town. We recommend that \$ 250 be raised for its use this year.

Several of the Primary school houses will need to be painted this year,—the expense will be included in our estimate for repairs.

We see no occasion for any extended remarks on the internal condition of our school. We have already referred to several of them. The general state of the schools is highly satisfactory. We are not aware that any of them have deteriorated within the last year. Some of them have manifestly improved,—we may mention particularly the Primary School, No. 1, in Sumner street, and the Central (late Eliot) Grammar School on Jamaica Plain.

Corporal punishments, we believe, have been less numerous the last year than in any previous year, in proportion to numbers. The constant tendency is to a decrease. The authority to punish is not taken from the teachers, but they partake of the spirit of the times, and desire to dispense with it as far as practicable. In several schools, both Grammar and Primary, it has gone entirely out of use, and the good example will doubtless have its influence on the others. We believe there will be very little ground of complaint hereafter, as to the severity, or frequency of corporal punishments.

One of the greatest impediments to the prosperity of our schools is found, now as heretofore, in the *irregularity of attendance* on the part of the children. From inquiries made particularly in the easterly part of the town, it appears, that the average of absences is, in the Dudley School about 16 per cent., in the Washington 16 per cent., and in the Primary Schools thirty-three one third per cent.. There is then, to this extent, a waste of the precious opportunities of early life. And there is a proportionate waste of money. We have to provide seats and instructors for all that belong to the schools; and for those who are absent, we pay and provide in vain. Nobody gets an equivalent. As to the Primary Schools, it would appear, that one third of the money is thrown away. The Committee cannot save it to the treasury nor make it useful to the young. Here is an instance of bad financiering, for which the Committee are not responsible, and which they have no power to remedy. That responsibility and that power lie with our superiors, the people. Allowance must be made for sickness and other extreme exigencies; but we wish we could find words adequate to impress on the minds of parents the extent of the loss which their children suffer, by being permitted to give but a precarious and broken attendance, and of the injury brought upon the

whole school by that halting, dragging, behind-hand portion of its members. To be absent one quarter of the time, involves to the individual child a loss of three quarters of the privileges of the school, and keeps back the whole school from that high standing which it might attain by a regular attendance of all its members. It is not for the Committee to say what are the necessary and justifiable causes of absence, but we beg of parents to reduce them, in their own minds, to as narrow limits as possible.

Probably all parents are not fully aware how great an evil to a school arises from *tardiness*, and how important to the interests of the whole, is the prompt and *punctual* presence of each individual pupil. We beg them to consider this matter. The Committee find it necessary to make strict rules on this subject; and it is the duty of the teachers to enforce them. To this end they need the co-operation of the parents. Written *excuses* must be taken when offered, but they do not answer the purpose; they do not remedy the evil. We request all parents who appreciate the advantages, and desire the prosperity of our schools, to encourage and second the efforts of our teachers in behalf of *Punctuality*.

There is a class of large boys, numerous, and we fear increasing, who seldom or never go to school, and have little or no visible occupation. They are growing up uneducated, and apparently trained to no employment. The present character of such boys need not be described to those who know the consequences of ignorance and idleness. What they are likely to be hereafter as citizens, members of society, and heads of families, no one needs our assistance in predicting. We wish for their own sakes that their ways could be changed. But the evil is not limited to themselves. They infest our streets and public places. The air is tainted with their foul speech. They beset well-disposed boys on their way to school and compel them by threats, or allure them by temptations, to play truant, and join them in idleness or mischief. They thus inflict a present and serious evil upon society, of which they are hereafter to be the more perceptible disturbers, pests and burdens. We appeal first to their parents and guardians in their behalf, to redeem them while they yet have the opportunity. We appeal next, to persons who from their position or weight of character, might have influence with one or another of those neglected and erring youths, to interpose in neighborly kindness and Christian charity to guide

and save them. And, failing all other means, we appeal to the magistracy and the police.

The Committee do not overlook the prime importance of securing a high tone of morals and manners in the Schools generally. Without this an intellectual Education loses all its charm, and no small portion even of its worldly value. The desire that the members of our public schools should be distinguished for a courteous deference to their elders, and social kindness and justice in their intercourse with one another,—for cleanliness of person, and well-bred civility of demeanor, for a high principle of truthfulness, for decent speech excluding obscenity and slang, and reverent speech excluding profaneness,—for all those proprieties of conduct, language and thought, which indicate a healthy heart and sound character, promote social virtue, and adorn and bless alike the highest and the lowest stations in life. We enjoin these objects upon the attention of our teachers. We ask the vigilant and earnest co-operation of parents.

In the city of Boston, some schools have been established, for the education of adults. The experiment is interesting, and has every promise of success. Would not something of the kind be useful here? There is probably a considerable number of persons, who are now past the age for going to the common schools, who yet, from the disadvantageous circumstances of their childhood, are unable to read or write. A school kept two or three evenings in a week, would very soon put many of them in possession of the elements of knowledge, and be to them a boon of inestimable value. It is not proposed that the town should appropriate any money for this object. It is mentioned here only for the consideration of those persons who may take an interest in it, as one mode of social charity and public usefulness. No definite plan has been formed. Any citizens who think the project worthy of attention, and who can give any information concerning persons who would attend such a school, or would be disposed by counsel or labor to aid in its establishment, are requested to confer with the Chairman of this Committee.

We now resign our trust. We have given much time and deliberation to the interests of the schools, during the year for which they have been confided to our charge. We have been anxious to disburse the large sums of money entrusted to us, without waste or extravagance, and in such a manner that every dollar should secure a permanent public benefit. We have done our best to pro-

vide good teachers, and to guide and encourage them, to the most effectual discharge of their arduous duties. We have made our estimate of expenses for the ensuing year, as low as is compatible with the maintaining of efficient instruction in the schools, the providing of accommodation for the increasing numbers, and the preserving from decay our numerous and perishable school houses. We have, ourselves, no particular appetite for high taxes. We would gladly assist in reducing them, if our duty to our children and to the community would permit. In regard to common schools, we have two articles in our creed,—First, to make them good, efficient, well housed, well equipped, well taught, and progressive,—Second, to do this as cheaply and economically as possible;—and in these articles of faith we presume we are not at variance with our fellow citizens.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

GEORGE PUTNAM, *Chairman.*

Roxbury, Feb. 25, 1846.

ESTIMATE

Of sums to be raised by the Town, and expended under the direction of the next School Committee, for the support of Schools for the year 1846-7.

For pay of Teachers,.....	\$12,687 50
For rent of Central School House,.....	300 00
For Fuel,.....	800 00
For Books,.....	100 00
For Expenses of Committee,.....	200 00
For Addition to Washington School House,.....	3,000 00
For two new School Houses,.....	6,000 00
For Contingences, including Repairs,.....	2,080 00

Total,.....\$25,167 50

The undersigned, in the discharge of their duties, have examined the vouchers exhibited to us for expenditures charged on each account, included in the audit, to have been entered on the books of the town, the several amounts paid by Town Orders, and the same are believed to be correct.

NATHANIEL CURTIS,
ELIJAH LEWIS,
CORNELIUS COWING, } Auditors.

Roxbury, Feb, 28, 1846.

EXPENSE OF AUDITING, &c.

Pay of Auditors,.....	\$ 30 00
Paper, Printing, and Binding two thousand copies,.....	169 02
Distributing,.....	20 00

\$219 02

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